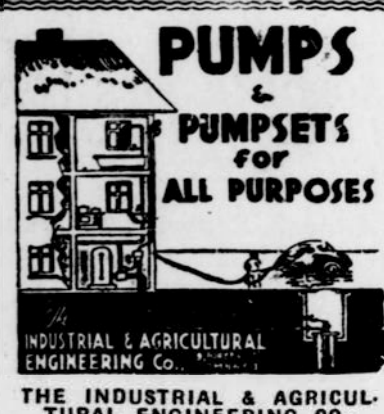


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No 'Rapprochement' On Basis Of Simla Proposal

AZAD EXPLAINS REFUSAL TO MEET VICEROY

But Willing To Meet Linlithgow If Better Terms Are To Be Considered

RAJAJI'S TEST FOR BRITAIN'S "BONA FIDES"

At a press conference this evening the Congress President, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, stated that he had already sent his reply to the Viceroy on August 19, saying that there was no meeting ground between the Congress and the Government on the terms of the Simla statement.

Azad-Viceroy Correspondence

He also stated that he had asked for permission to release the correspondence with the Viceroy, and that he would release it as soon as permission was received.

Mahatma's Position

Regarding the position of Mahatma Gandhi 'vis-a-vis' the Working Committee, the President said that the matter was already before the public and was being still discussed. The Working Committee may issue a statement.

A. I. C. C. To Be Called?

Asked if the Committee was discussing the 'next step' the President said that it was seriously discussed and, if necessary, a statement might be issued. The question of holding the A.I.C.C. meeting was also discussed.—United Press.

NO MEETING GROUND ON SIMLA PROPOSAL

What Congress President Has Told Viceroy

WARDHAGANJ, Aug. 21. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, confirmed in the course of a Press Conference to-day, that he had already sent a reply to the Viceroy declaring that there is no meeting ground between the Congress and the Government on the basis of the Viceroy's declaration. The Congress President revealed that the Viceroy's letter to him had declared that if possible the President's reply to the Viceroy may be sent on or before August 21.

At the meeting of the Working Committee the President made a statement expressing the view that there was no meeting ground between the Congress and the Government on the Viceroy's declaration. This the Committee had endorsed and accordingly the Congress President had sent a reply to the Viceroy on the 19th inst. which His Excellency should have now received.

Asked if there was any possibility of his meeting the Viceroy, the Congress President stated that he did not think that on the basis of the present declaration there was such a possibility. If, however, the Viceroy should be willing to go out of the four corners of the declaration, he would be quite ready to go and meet him.

Maulana Azad said that he had also informed the Viceroy that the Working Committee would be passing a considered resolution on the Viceroy's declaration and that this would also be sent to him. The President hoped to be able to release this resolution after further consideration to-morrow.

Questioned regarding the position of Mahatma Gandhi 'vis-a-vis' the Congress Committee, the President said that the position on this subject had now been before the public. The Committee was considering the subject and was likely to make a statement on this before dispersing.

Asked about the future Congress, (Continued on page 4 Col. 5.)

Rumania Agrees To Return Dobruja To Bulgaria

BUT DEADLOCK OVER HUNGARIAN CLAIM FOR TRANSYLVANIA PERSISTS

BUCHAREST, August 21. An agreement has been reached between Bulgaria and Rumania regarding the Dobruja. It is understood that Rumania requested rectifications of the line as a symbolic gesture in her favour, but the Bulgarians refused.

The agreement provides that Bulgaria will repatriate not only all Rumanians in Dobruja, but those in Bulgaria who are estimated to number 50,000.

The agreement reached at Craiova fixes the new frontier on the 1912 line. The territory ceded by Rumania to Bulgaria comprises two provinces of Durostora and Callacra. It includes Balchik. The heart of Queen Marie which is preserved in the chapel of the Royal Palace has already been removed.

Bulgarian troops are already near Dobruja frontier ready to occupy the new territory as soon as the final agreement is signed. The provinces will be occupied in three hours and Bulgarian administration will be installed to prevent incidents.

Negotiations continue concerning technical difficulties regarding exchange of population and methods of compensating. These are likely to take a fortnight.—Reuter.

HUNGARO-RUMANIAN TALKS DEADLOCK

Great divergence between the respective proposals of Rumania and Hungary on the latter's claim to Transylvania has led to the belief that negotiations at Turin are more likely to be broken off than resumed. Hungary's claim is described by the official Rumanian Government newspaper "Romania" as "Enormous, inconceivable and ridiculous."

AXIS TO ARBITRATE?

It is believed here that the

RAJAJI'S TERMS FOR CO-OPERATION WITH BRITAIN

Will Viceroy Agree To Transfer Finance Portfolio To Indian?

(From Our Correspondent). LONDON, August 20. Messages from India continue to say that Sir Rajagopalachariar made "a sporting offer" to the British Government.

According to Sir Rajagopalachariar, the Congress was prepared to work under Muslim League Premier in National Government if Viceroy agreed to transfer to India responsibility of the office of Finance Minister and certain aspects of defence and form an inner war cabinet consisting of the popular leaders whose decision in all measures would be submitted to the Central Government.

Although the "Manchester Guardian's" Simla correspondent says that Sir Srikandhar Hyat Khan supports this suggestion, no enthusiasm is being shown in British quarters which would suggest that Government was prepared to respond to Sir Rajagopalachariar's offer.

Nevertheless, there was an inclination to represent that since Gandhi's retirement from the Congress, the "man of the moment in India" is Sir Rajagopalachariar, because "he represents majority of the Congress" and the Viceroy should therefore open negotiations with him instead of with Maulana Azad.

R. A. F. BOMBS LEAD TO NAZI HIJIRAT

LONDON, Aug. 21. Mr. David Scott, Special Correspondent of the "News Chronicle," reports that the population of the Rhineland and North-Western areas of Germany and town most subjected to R.A.F. bombing are now being evacuated to France on a large scale. 45,000 German refugees officially evacuated from Hamburg have arrived at Paris where they are quartered in empty flats and houses. Many thousands more are being distributed over the north-east departments of France.—Reuter.

British Cabinet Reshuffle

BEVIN TO BECOME VICE-PREMIER

Morrison And Beaverbrook To Replace Halifax And Chamberlain

(From Our Correspondent). LONDON, Aug. 21. Although Mr. Chamberlain's health is not causing anxiety, it is believed that in the reconstruction of the Cabinet which is expected to take place immediately after the holiday recesses, Mr. Chamberlain would not continue in his present post.

It is also felt that Lord Halifax may make room for a new Foreign Secretary.

Mr. Herbert Morrison and Lord Beaverbrook may find themselves in the new posts and Mr. Ernest Bevin may become the Vice-Premier.

BRITISH OIL FOR JAPAN

Plea To Cancel Supplies To Japan In View Of Burma Road Closure

LONDON, Aug. 21. Asked whether in view of the closing of the Burma Road for supply of war materials to China, it was proposed to cancel the sale of a million barrels of oil to Japan made in April, 1940 by the British Government controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, Mr. Butler said that he had nothing to add to the reply given by the Minister for Petroleum on April 23.

Mr. Mandel (Liberal): "Could anything be more grossly unfair than to supply Japan with oil to attack China at the same time that China is refused permission to receive it by the Burma Road?"

Mr. Butler: "His Majesty's Government, as announced by the Minister for Petroleum on April 24 has said that it is not their policy to interfere with the commercial activities of this Company."

Mr. Noel Baker (Labour): "Is it not most desirable that the Government should avoid the charge of having in effect put an oil sanction on the victim of aggression while continuing to supply a most important war requirement to Japan?"

Mr. Butler: "I agree that there is force in that point. The Government are always willing to acquit themselves of such a charge. If Mr. Noel Baker will refer to the answer of the Minister of Petroleum, he will see that there are certain special considerations involved in this particular transaction."

Mr. Butler added that he was ready to put to the Minister of Petroleum the points raised by Mr. Mandel and Mr. Noel Baker.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

HOPE OF TROTSKY'S RECOVERY

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21. Doctors entertain slight hope of M. Leon Trotsky's recovery.—Reuter.

MEDITERRANEAN—FLARE-UP IMMINENT

Wavell Returns With Plans For Campaign

EGYPT READY TO MEET ITALIAN AGGRESSION

No Danger To Aden By Fall Of Berbera

CAIRO, Aug. 21. Although the evacuation of Somaliland may be a victory for the Italian prestige and propaganda, it is not regarded as a British defeat.

IT ACTUALLY FACILITATES THE GENERAL STAFF'S IMMEDIATE TASK IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AS IT HAS SUPPLIED REINFORCEMENTS FOR MORE IMPORTANT AREA.

Italy's goal in Africa remains Egypt, for without the control of the Suez Canal and the Red Sea route, Abyssinia is doomed to slow strangulation.

Last week, when the Italians marshalled a large army on the Egypt-Libyan border, apparently ready to attack Egypt, the R.A.F. demonstrated its superiority, and the British Navy steamed up the Libyan coast under the muzzles of the coastal batteries, and morally speaking, knocked the Italians off their feet. Nevertheless, an invasion is thought to be only a matter of time.

General Wavell has just returned to Egypt after a visit to London, where he conferred with the War Cabinet. It is understood that final decisions were taken, and planes arranged for the coming campaign. Meanwhile, Egypt

NO DANGER TO ADEN

ADEN, Aug. 21. Though the Italians have occupied Berbera only 180 miles across the Red Sea, the people of Aden are confident that any attempt at invasion by enemy would fail, the Italian losses sustained in the occupation of Berbera are considered here to be out of all proportion to the value of the Port. No ships of any size can use it, but must lie out at sea and be served by small boats to and from the harbour. The monsoon season is now raging, increasing the difficulties in using the port.—Reuter.

Moves And Counter-Moves In Balkan Chess Board

SOVIET-BULGAR RELATIONS COMPLICATE TENSE SITUATION

SIMLA, August 21. Mr. Vernon Bartlett, according to a cable received here from London writes in the "News Chronicle":

The announcement of the withdrawal of British troops from Somaliland is no surprise to anybody who has studied the map. The argument that Somaliland does not matter much anyhow is not very convincing to people in the Near East who remember the efforts which the past British Governments have made to acquire it and to maintain it.

It is essential however that our setbacks there should be counteracted by actions elsewhere. This partly explains the remarkable air raids on Northern Italy and the bombardment of the Libyan coast which is considered to be one of the most successful minor episodes of the war.

The careful timing of the British fighters which arrived on the scene just when Italian bombers began their attack on the British fleet led to the destruction of nearly a dozen of these bombers and thus completed the success of a raid which should hamper Italian plans of attack on Egypt and remind other neighbouring governments that the Mediterranean is not yet an Italian sea.

ITALO-GERMAN PRESSURE The reminder is made the more necessary by Italo-German pressure on Greece. There is still evidence that the Greeks are very determined to fight for their independence, and that the Turks would be very reluctant to see an Italian advance into the Dardanelles.

There is no certainty however about the advice to the Turks which would come from the Soviet Union, a country which Turkey naturally does not want to offend.

The Russians cannot easily forget that there is now no military

Gestapo Attack On "Reds"

Round-Up Of Communists In Norway

LONDON, Aug. 21. The Gestapo carried out a round-up of communists throughout Norway a few days ago, according to news received by the Norwegian Telegraph Agency. Those arrested include most of the leaders of the Communist Party and a number of leading journalists, including Christian Hilt who was also the manager of the Soviet Travel Bureau in Norway.—Reuter.

Italian Demand

LONDON, August 21. In the House of Commons Mr. Butler in a written reply stated that the Government was not aware that Italy had addressed a demand to Greece for cession of Corfu.—Reuter.

employment in Western Europe for the vast German army and they have no wish to see it employed against them.

The warmest friends of the Soviet Union in the Balkans are now the Bulgarians who are so friendly that they were even delighted when their national football team was soundly defeated by the Russians a few days ago.

It must not be forgotten that Bulgars have a longstanding claim against the Greeks for an outlet to the Aegean Sea which perhaps adds to the improbability of Soviet action to help Turkey to help Greece.—A. P.

AIR RAIDS ON ALL FRONTS

New Nazi Tactics: Attack On Gibraltar: Italian Bases Bombed

LONDON, Aug. 21. It is officially announced that up to 16/30 G.M.T. seven enemy aircraft were shot down to-day by R.A.F. fighters.

An enemy raider was brought down in the sea when Gibraltar was attacked by two successive waves of enemy planes during the night.

Bombs falling on the rock in the second raid caused an outbreak of fire which was quickly brought under control without causing any appreciable damage. There were no casualties. All bombs of the first formation fell into the sea.

CAIRO.—A. G. H. Q. Communique from Cairo states that there is nothing to report.

Nazi Planes Over Wide Area

Enemy planes appeared over a wide area in North-East, South-East, Midlands and Wales and were promptly tackled by R.A.F. fighters.

Shops and houses on the outskirts of a Midland City were damaged by a bomb from a lone raider which dived low over the houses and several were killed and injured including children.

Swooping from the clouds over a coast town this morning, another raider loosed bursts of machinegun fire over the main street where women were shopping and bullets were heard slashing the trees and pattering on rooftops, but there were no casualties.

11 Planes Shot Down

Among the German losses in to-day's air raids were three Dornier 17 brought down by Spitfires five miles inland on the north-east coast. The crew of one of which fell with the wing off, escaped by parachute and were taken prisoner.

When Junkers 88 crashed near a south-eastern town, a British fighter, pilot who had attacked him, landed to see what had happened to the victims. All the five occupants were dead.

A solitary raider who dived from the clouds on a south-eastern town dropped a heavy calibre bomb which reduced eight of a row of workingclass cottages to debris. It is feared that a number of lives were lost.

It is now believed that at least eleven enemy planes were brought down to-day.

New Nazi Tactics

The Air Ministry announces: "Up to 16/30 G.M.T. seven enemy aircraft have been destroyed by our fighters."

Another Communique says: Enemy activities over this country to-day have consisted of a series of attacks by aircraft operating singly or in small numbers. There have been many such attacks some of which were delivered far inland. In some cases it was evident that the enemy's objective was R.A.F. aerodromes, but though damage was done to living quarters at one of these, such attacks have proved otherwise abortive.

Towns in the South and East England and in the Midlands were bombed, damage being done to houses in several places. The number of casualties is small, though some were fatal. In one residential area, a short attack was made on the inhabitants by machinegun fire.

Two enemy aircraft, which bombed a town in Lincolnshire were both shot down, their bombs having caused little damage and no casualties. Two of our fighters were lost during yesterday's operations, but the pilot of one is safe.

British Attack

Owing to adverse weather conditions, no bombing operations were carried out over Germany (Continued on page 7, col. 5)

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Bombay, 21st August, 1940. (3215)

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

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Attorneys for the Petitioners. (3210)

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OFFICERS FOR INDIAN ARMY

British European Subjects To Be Imported From Empire Countries

SIMLA, August 20.
It is understood that the Government of India have decided to draw upon suitable British European subjects in certain Empire countries in the East to officer the Indian Army and to fill posts as technicians and engineers in India.

Some fifty men intended to be taken as Officers are shortly coming from countries like Ceylon and from Hongkong and one from Saigon, French Indo-China, while Burma, in spite of its own defence requirements, may be prevailed upon to spare a few.

Some technicians and engineers from Ceylon and other Empire countries are also expected.

It is explained that under present conditions it is far easier to obtain the proper type of British personnel to meet urgent requirements in India from these countries than from Great Britain.—A. P.

"T. B. CURING" SUGARCANE

Great Demand: Cultivation Being Extended

Following the daily increasing demand and the run of anxious enquiries from almost every part of India for cobra-manured "T. B. curing" sugarcane recently introduced as a "successful cure" for tuberculosis, by the Bhopal Conservator of Forests, cultivation of this peculiar type of cane is, it is reported, now being taken up on a more extensive scale. A price of four annas per cobra has been publicly announced by the State Conservator of forests, and supplies of the reptile, it is said, are also being requisitioned from outside.

It is further stated that the efficacious properties claimed for the cobra-manured cane are being sought in some other plants and vegetables, particularly in onion.

COBRA ROUND UP.

The curative properties of the cobra-manured cane, are obviously linked directly with the cobra poison and its peculiar assimilation by sugarcane, as experiments with non-poisonous snakes and also with poisonous snakes other than cobras are reported to have failed. Consequently, should a sufficient number of cobras be not forthcoming as a result of the cobra round-up that is now going on throughout the State, serious efforts, it is stated, will be made to obtain "stocks" from outside, and it is quite probable that cobras may soon become Bhopal's latest import "articles."

REQUESTS BY TELEGRAM.

The cultivation of the "T. B. curing" cane has hitherto been necessarily on an experimental scale, and the consequently limited stocks in hand have all been exhausted. A number of requests for supply are stated to have been made by telegram.—A. P.

No By-Election To Madras Council

MADRAS, Aug. 20.
It is notified that no by-Election will be held for the present to fill the vacancy in the Madras Legislative Council caused on account of the death of Rao Sahib A. S. Alaganan Chettiyar, member representing the Madras General Constituency.—A. P.

Turkish 'Quake Fund From Frontier

PESHAWAR, August 20.
A Communique issued by the Frontier Government to-day states that the Turkish Earthquake Relief Fund in N. W. F. Province has now been closed. The total amount contributed towards the fund is Rs. 23,156-15 out of which Rs. 22,000 have been already sent to the Central Fund New Delhi. The balance will be sent forthwith.—A. P.

Mr. Knight For Simla

POONA, August 21.
Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor of Bombay, will leave for Simla on the 24th August arriving there on the 26th. Mr. Knight will stay there for three days and return to Bombay on August 30.—A. P.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIAN SOLDIERS' CHILDREN

Annual Report Of Silver Wedding Fund

A sum of Rs. 57,313 was spent from the Silver Wedding Fund during 1939 on scholarships for the children and dependents of Indian soldiers and soldiers (including non-combatants) who had rendered military service during the Great War or who took part in subsequent war-like operations. Included were Rs. 3,309 awarded as vocational and industrial scholarships.

During the year, says the annual report on the Fund, the Administrators decided that the Indian Military Academy Scholarship Sub-Fund, formerly set apart to provide scholarships for cadets at the Indian Military Academy, should be extended to provide scholarships for study at the Prince of Wales's Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun. Scholarships of the aggregate value of Rs. 500 were renewed in favour of two gentlemen cadets at the Indian Military Academy and two new scholarships of a total value of Rs. 1,250 were granted. New scholarships of Rs. 500 a year each were awarded to cadets at the Prince of Wales's Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun.

SAVINGS THROUGH ECONOMY CAMPAIGN

SIMLA, August 20.

The meeting of the Public Accounts Committee held on Monday August 19, was the occasion of Sir Ernest Burdon's last attendance as Auditor-General.

The Chairman expressed the Committee's appreciation of the very valuable assistance and advice rendered by Sir Ernest Burdon during his long association with the Public Accounts Committee and similar tributes were paid by other members including Mr. Ramsay Scott and Sir Raza Ali.

In the afternoon Sir Ernest Burdon vacated his office on retirement and handed over charge to Mr. Badenoch, the new Auditor-General.

During their examination of the Appropriation Accounts for which the Finance Department was responsible, the Committee dealt with the effect of the economy campaign conducted in 1938-39. Savings were noted to have occurred in 73 out of 76 grants, totalling over Rs. 1,20,000 in all.—A. P.

RATLAM CONSPIRACY TRIAL IN JAIL

(From Our Correspondent.)

RATLAM, August 20.

The Ratlam Political Conspiracy case came up for hearing yesterday before the Session Judge. The court was held in jail and strict Police arrangements were made in the premises.

The court had issued notices against some 12 persons to act as assessors but as the summons of 9 were returned unserved and only two persons were present the court had again fixed August 28 for selecting assessors. The case will be taken up again on the 28th instant when assessors will be appointed by the court. After the appointment of assessors next hearing will be fixed when the case will begin.

The Prajamandal workers who are involved in the present conspiracy case have filed a revision application against the orders of the Sessions Judge, rejecting the petitions of the accused for giving sealed defence list in the case.

Compulsory Service For European Br. Subjects

RANGOON, Aug. 20.

The 'Associated Press' understands that the Government of Burma have accepted the principle of compulsory service for European British subjects in Burma for work of National importance.—A. P.

Nagpur Germans For Internment Camp

NAGPUR, Aug. 21.

The City Police to-day searched the houses of German Jews in Nagpur and seized some papers. It is understood that these aliens, who number seven have been informed that arrangements have been made to send them to an Internment Camp and that till then they have been prohibited to leave Nagpur.—A. P.

FOUR CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM YERAVADA JAIL. (From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Aug. 21.
Four convicts serving long sentences in Yeravada Jail made good their escape during small hours this morning by scaling the walls with the aid of a rope.

One of them was arrested by the Kirkee Police in the village of Dapodi, and for the others the police are scouring the neighbouring countryside.

On The Air

THURSDAY, AUG. 22.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
7.30 a.m. News in Marathi. 7.40 News in Gujarati. 7.50 Akkalkotkar. 8 Kerp. 8.15-8.30 V. D. Ambhakar. 8.30 Star and Claret. 8.40 News in Hindi. 8.50 News in English. 9.10 A topical talk. 9.15 Mohammad Hussain. 9.20 Three stars. 12.20 p.m. Binjans. 12.45 Music from the movies. 12.57 News in Hindi. 1.10 Ramnate Tatra Devath. 1.15 Duet, guitar and vocal. 1.30 Musical under-stand. 1.35 News in English. 1.55 Do you know madame? 1.40 Lunch hour music. 4.15 Musical parade. 4.20 Gujarati literature. 4.35 Gujarati bhavgeets. 4.45 Music. 5 G. D. Agni. 5.30 Naghma on the sarinda. 5.35 News in Marathi. 5.35 News in Gujarati. 5.35 Aish Rakha. 5.50 Subtitles. 6 News in English. 6.55 News in Hindi. 6.10 Mira Bai Bhajan. 6.20 Mohammad Hussain. 6.30 Bai Lakshmi Bai. 7 A topical talk in Gujarati. 7.15 The Air Bhajan Mandali. 7.30 Mohammad Hussain. 7.45 Shahnai Solo. 7.55 News in Marathi. 8.10 News in Gujarati. 8.20 Tomorrow. 8.30 Present arms. 1.5 News in Hindi. 9.20 News in English. 9.30 B. C. O. News relay. 9.50 A recorded introduction. 10 Hilde Feilberg. 10.10 George Lester. 10.20 C. K. Kilm.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
7.30 a.m. Devotional songs. 7.40 Bibhas on the road. 7.50 to 8.40 As in Bombay I. 8.40 Tunes alert. 8.47 G. D. Agni. 9 to 9.30 As in Bombay I.
11.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)
12.30 to 12.57 p.m. As in Bombay I. 12.57 Abdul Aziz Khan. 1 to 1.30 As in Bombay I. 1.30 Musical interlude. 1.35 to 2.30 As in Bombay I.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (865 kc/s)
5 p.m. A star recital. 5.15 Hanuman Prasad. 5.30 Songs from the screen. 5.45 G. A. Khan Gwaliori. 6.15 Munawwar Khan. 6.30 Gopi Ghazal. 7.15 Gopal. 7.30 Anwar Bai. 7.40 Pura on the violin. 7.45 For violagers only. 8.30 Twenty years of world operation. 8.45 Duet. 10.5 Thumri. 10.30 Persian music.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
5 p.m. For the countryside. 5.50 Musharraf Hussain Khan. 6.55 Musharraf Hussain Khan. 6.15 Leela Bai. 6.35 Subhir Lal Chakravarti. 7.15 Binay Kumar Ghose. 7.30 Leela Bai. 7.45 Indian Industries. 8.35 Musharraf Ali Khan. 8.50 Talk relayed from the B. B. C. 9 Herbert Phillips. 10 The Fol De Role.



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SUGAR COMMISSION FOR BIHAR AND U. P.

Lucknow, Aug. 21.
The Governments of Bihar and the United Provinces have heard with pleasure of the acceptance by the Sugar Syndicate at its meeting held at Calcutta on the 15th August of the proposals made by the two Governments in their communication of 3rd August for reorganisation of the Syndicate as a condition of recognition, states a press communique issued this afternoon.
The communique continues that in furtherance of those proposals, the two Governments have decided to appoint a Sugar Commission at once which will consist of Mr. J. E. Poffey, C.I.E., I.C.S., as Chairman, and the Cane Commissioners of Bihar and the United Provinces—A.P.

EAST INDIA COTTON ASSOCIATION

Mr. Ramdas Kilachand, Mr. J. P. Patel and Mr. John R. Kay have been elected to the Board of the East India Cotton Association, Bombay, from the Buyers' Panel. Four candidates contested the election. Mr. C. Shettsworth retained his seat by rotation.

COTTON CROP IN BOMBAY PROVINCE

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay has issued the following Preliminary Memorandum on the early cotton crop of the Bombay Province (Deccan Districts only), including Indian States, for the season 1940-41:
On an average of the five years ending 1933-39 the area under cotton in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented some 5.5 per cent of the total area under the crop in the whole of India.

The figures in this forecast relate to the early varieties of cotton sown in Deccan between June and July, 1940.

(Estimates up to 1st August, 1940).

Information incomplete. Area so far reported 1,252 thousand acres British Districts and 9 thousand acres Indian States. 1.9 per cent over corresponding area last year and 7.0 per cent below decennial average at same date. Germination of crop, on the whole, satisfactory but further growth checked in places South-eastern areas due deficient rains. Weeding operations in progress. Irrigated crop in good condition except for wilt in places on Nira Canals. According to new classifications, Khandesh Omras variety has 955 thousand acres, Khandesh Banilla has 114 thousand acres, Barsi and Nagar Omras 169 thousand acres, Surti 12 thousand acres and Kumpta and Upland 11 thousand acres.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

Arr. Dep.	Arr. Dep.
Calcutta Mail (via Chhokoli)	9.35 20.15
Madras Mail	6.00 22.00
Poona-Lucknow Express	6.15 22.45
Calcutta Mail (via Nagpur)	6.45 23.05
Surat Mail	10.15 14.30
Paoli Mail	10.30 17.30
Paoli Mail	12.30 17.40
Nagpur Express	15.00 21.00
Paoli Past Passenger	15.00 11.50
Paoli Express	15.30 8.05

B. B. and C. I. Railway

(ARRIVALS AT AND DEPARTURES FROM BOMBAY CENTRAL FROM JULY 1.)

Arr. Dep.	Arr. Dep.
Ahmedabad Passenger	6.35 13.50
Delhi Express	6.40 22.15
Kathiawar Mail	12.40 1.40
Gujarat Mail	7.35 22.00
Frontier Mail	8.15 21.15
The Flying Rance Surt	6.45 15.10
The Flying Rance Surt (Except Monday)	10.08
The Flying Rance Surt (Except Saturday)	18.05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14.15 22.30
Kathiawar Express	12.40 1.40
Baroda Passenger	20.57 9.0
*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.	

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, August 21.
Mr. Churchill's speech was considered constructive on the local Stock Exchange and with improved buying the market was very steady. Government Securities hardened with investment support and 3-1/2 per cent. Paper was quoted at Rs. 90.

The Wall-Street Market was hesitant but fractionally higher with some buying based on the theory that a fall is in the offing, and closed firm. Meanwhile underlying sentiment is a little brighter on business prospects. U. S. Steel shares closed one point up at 51-3/4 and Anaconda Copper Mining shares closed 3/8 up at 19-5/8 dollars.

NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

Cotton Mill shares were quietly steady with a restricted turnover and with prices grinding near the minimum fixed quotations, the section was featureless. Bombay Dyeing were quoted at Rs. 900 and Indore Malva shares declined to Rs. 31-8. Kholnoroos were steady at Rs. 312.

Bank shares ruled steady. Central Bank shares were quoted at Rs. 35-2 and Imperial Bank shares at Rs. 35-0. There was a slight increase in selling in the Reserve Bank shares. Bank shares were placed at Rs. 100-4. There was slightly increased selling in the Reserve Bank shares. Bank shares were placed at Rs. 100-4.

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, August 21.	
100 Ahmedabad Advance	253 0
250 Bombay Dyeing	930 0
100 Century	250 0
100 Central India	228 0
100 Colaba	93 12
100 Coorla	93 12
250 David	345 0
100 E. Sassoon Def.	130 0
100 Finlay	131 0
100 Gokak	190 0
100 Hindustan	190 0
100 Indore	31 8
100 Khatau	312 0
100 Kholnoroos	312 0
100 Laxmi	175 0
100 Morarji	175 0
50 Model	60 0
50 Mysore	60 0
200 New Great	310 0
100 Oosmanshahli	55 8
100 Phoenix	253 0
100 P. S. S.	253 0
1000 Shilp	2450 0
100 Swadeshi	215 0
100 Swan	215 0
500 Vishnu	1147 8
1000 Western	960 0

BANKS

Bombay, August 21.	
50-100 Baroda	100 0
250 Central	35 2
500 Imperial	1460 0
125-500 Imp. Contry	33 8
50-100 India	100 4
100 Reserve Bank	5 8 6
5 Union	111 12

CEMENTS

Bombay, August 21.	
100 Associated	111 12
100 Empire	610 0
15-100 Jupiter	11 4
20 Mercantile	54 0
15-75 New India	37 4
20 Oriental	33 8
10-50 Vulcan	7 0

ELECTRIC

Bombay, August 21.	
100 Ahmed. U.	153 12
1000 Andhra Valley	1525 0
10 Ajmer	10 9
50 Bombay Tram	125 12
100 Bombay Suburban	104 0
10 Broach	12 0
100 Karachi	197 8
100 Poona	167 8
100 Surat	160 0
100 Tata Hydro	164 0
1000 Tata Power	1335 0

RAILWAYS

Bombay, August 21.	
500 Ahmedabad Pantaji	1022 8
100 C. Provinces	100 4
100 Dhand Baramati	98 0
100 Gujarat	98 0
100 Madra Bhon	98 0
100 Pandra Jamner	98 0
100 Surat	155 0
200 Tapti Valley	755 0

MININGS

Bombay, August 21.	
3 Burma Corporation	5 0
24 Indian Copper	25 12
10 Indian Iron and Steel	32 12
10 Shivrajpur	32 12
50 Tata Steel Def.	1778 12
75 Tata Steel Ord.	358 8

MISCELLANEOUS

Bombay, August 21.	
10 Alcock	437 8
10 Air Services	10 0
200 Belapur Sugar	200 0
200 Bombay Sugar Dep.	254 0
250 Bombay Steam	115 0
125 B. Burma	167 8
5 B. Burma Cont.	167 8
5 B. Br. B. Petrol	3 9 0
50 Bombay Telephone	85 0
100 Ind. Bleaching	82 0
50 Ind. Invest. Trust	44 8
50 Ind. Radio Def.	456 0
100 Indian Radio Ord.	82 0
100 Port Canning	79 0
30 Premier Con.	79 0
15 Scindia	18 0
25 Tata Oil Mill	10 0
100 Western I. Match	139 0

PREFERENCE

Bombay, August 21.	
5 p.c. Andhra Valley	1460 0
5 p.c. Bombay Steam	271 8
5 p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.) X.D.	75 8
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)	380 0
5 1/2 p.c. Prem. Const. 1st	115 0
5 1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	106 8
1 p.c. Tata Hydro	155 0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1577 8
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 1st Pref.	1209 0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	146 0
7 p.c. Vishnu	875 0

DEBENTURES

Bombay, August 21.	
3 1/4 p.c. Andhra Valley	102 10
5 p.c. Andhra Valley	102 0
5 p.c. Bombay Telephone	98 4
5 p.c. Tata Hydro	82 0
7 p.c. Sholapur	72 8

DROP IN LINSEED

The abolition of minimum prices in the linseed market resulted in a drop in prices. Linseed September declined to Rs. 470 against fixed rate of Rs. 573 and Linseed May declined to Rs. 5-30 against fixed rate of Rs. 5/8.

LINSEED & WHEAT.

Bombay, Aug. 21	
Linseed September	Rs. 470 3
Linseed May	5 2 9
Wheat September	3 12 3
Wheat January	3 11 0
Wheat May	3 11 0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Aug. 20	
T T London on—	0.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
New York	37.70
Madrid	4.43/4.47
Montreal	17.65/17.75
Stockholm	16.85/16.95

American Markets Impressed By Mr. Churchill's Speech

IMPROVED BUYING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Sentiment Little Brighter

BOMBAY, Aug. 21.

All American markets were impressed by Mr. Churchill's speech and there was generally improved buying.

Sentiment was little brighter on business prospects and indications that the Blitzkrieg is far short of expectations.

New York Cotton prices closed 3 to 7 points up and Wall Street market registered a rise of one dollar in U. S. steel shares.

The New York Cotton Market opened steady. There was trading in sympathy and some local buying in sympathy with the rise in shares and Securities.

There was moderate Japanese buying of July and offerings were limited. The market was impressed by Mr. Churchill's speech but operators were inclined to remain on sidelines.

Those who are regularly following these reports must have realised that the rise in shares and Securities activity in American cotton. This being an Election year naturally more attention is being paid towards and as usual there is more disposition to await the result of the Presidential election. This can have lasting and important effect on the economic condition of the State's and naturally speculators remain cautious.

The cotton position is not encouraging. The Government have announced loans on the coming American cotton crop but loss of export markets account for the domestic consumption by U. S. A. mills would be 7-1/2 million bales. Exports would go to about 2-1/2 million bales. Thus with ample supplies, there cannot be anxious buying to flare up prices.

With loan support, more or less we will have stabilised markets offering only small profits on quick terms.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, August 20.	
October	9.25-04
December	9.22-03
January	9.14-04
March	9.12-04
May	8.94-04
July	8.73-07
Midling Spot	9.98-04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, August 20.	
October	9.29-08
December	9.27-08
January	9.14-05
Midling Spot	9.80

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, August 20.

Day's Receipts at all U. S. Ports 11,000 Bales.

Day's Exports to Great Britain. 3,000

Day's Exports to the Continent. Nil.

Day's Exports to China and Japan Nil.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, August 20.	
October	9.23
December	9.20
March	9.08

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Aug. 20.	
August	7.92-04
September	7.72-03
October	7.40-03
November	7.49-02
December	7.39-01
January	7.28
February	7.24-01
March	7.14-01
April	7.07-01
May	7.00-01
June	6.94-01
July	6.88-01
August	6.83-01
Midling spot	9.31-05

11 a. m. QUOTATION

October	
7.66	
January	7.31

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, August 21.

In sympathy with a rise of 4 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 191-8 for Broach A-M delivery but Mr. Churchill's speech created better feeling and prices opened at Rs. 192-8 and improved to Rs. 192-12 after scattered buying. At the rise there was absence of follow on and small realising appeared and prices declined to Rs. 192. The tone of the market was quiet but steady with mixed trading.

There was persistent scattered selling and Broach A/M declined to Rs. 191-8. Liverpool market opened unchanged. Liverpool was 7 points down and prices in the local market declined to Rs. 191. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:

Broach A/M highest 174 3/4 lowest 174 closing 174 3/4
Broach A/M highest 191 1/4 lowest 190 closing 190 3/4
Omra D/J highest 170 lowest 169 1/2 closing 169 3/4
Bengal D/J highest 135 1/2 lowest 134 1/2 closing 135 1/2

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below Liverpool May 263 p.m. points at exchange 331
Broach A/M below New York May 156 cent points at exchange 331

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Aug. 20	
UPPER—	
Spot	12.69-11
October	11.90-10
November	11.86-11
January	11.26-11
March	10.96-11
May	10.65-11
July	10.55-11

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, Aug. 21	
Extra	
Sprinkle Sup Fine FG Good	146 145 140 137
M G Bengal U P	146 145 140 137
M G Rajputana	153 150 147 144
M G Omra No. 3	177 175 172 169
M G P. No. 1	189 187 184 181
M G P. No. 2	180 178 175 172
M G Broach No. 2	181 179 177 174
M G Punjab-American	215 213 211 208
M G C. P. No. 2	231 229 226 223
M G Rajputana	227 225 223 220
M G Navsari	241 239 237 234

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Broach A/M highest 191 1/4 lowest 156 closing 190 3/4	Castorseed September	2 0
Oomra D/J highest 170 lowest 169 1/2 closing 169 3/4	Castorseed May	6 8
	Cottonseed September	0 12
Bengal D/J highest 135 1/2 lowest 134 1/2	Cottonseed January	2 4
	Silver Rhodora	1

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Muslim: Rajab 17, 1359
Parsi: Aspadarmad 22, 1309
High tide: 2.05; 14.08
Low tide: 7.46; 20.29
Sunrise: 5h. 21m.
Sunset: 7h. 2m.
Municipal Corporation, 3 p.m. (B.T.).

NOTICE TO JURYMEN
Common Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

CITY FATHERS' ROUNDS
The Municipal Commissioner and the Councilors of Ward No. 7 will meet near the Junction of Princes Street and Girgaon Road on Saturday, the 24th instant at 6.30 a.m. (B.T.) to go round the Ward. Residents of the Ward who have grievances to represent should be present at the appointed place and time. In the event of there being heavy rains, the visit may be postponed.

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION
Under the auspices of the above Association, Prof. C. N. Vakil, M.A., M.Sc. (Econ.), will deliver a public lecture on "Economics of War" on Friday at 6.30 p.m. at the Association Rooms, Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

KARNATAKA VIDYARTHI SANGHA
The following officers were elected for the year 1940-41.
Messrs. D. P. Puthan and G. R. Kanchari Presidents; P. S. Shetty and K. C. Suvanna Secretaries; C. D. Kotian and M. K. Salian Treasurers; M. G. Bangera, Y. R. Kotian, B. T. Karkera, M. T. Karkera, S. D. Maindon, G. P. Suvanna, and C. C. Shriyani, Committee members.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION
Mr. Balsekar will not take his lecture on "Physical Culture" to-day (Thursday); other lectures for the day will be held as usual.

YOUTH LODGE, THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
Prof. Dr. D. D. Kanga will speak on "The Methods of Research" in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Thursday) at 6.30 p.m.

SOUTH INDIAN ASSOCIATION
Mr. K. T. Bhaskar, President of the Mysore Congress will deliver a public lecture to-day (Thursday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) in the premises of the South Indian Association, Sir Currimbhoy Ibrahim Orphanage Building, Telang Road, Matunga (G.I.F.).

A. R. P. LECTURE AT ISMAIL COLLEGE
Third lecture on "Blister Cases" in the series of above lectures will be delivered at Ismail College to-day (Thursday) at 1.45 p.m.

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MAJESTIC—"Anuradha" Daily at 4.15, 7.15 and 10 p.m.
PATHE—"Woman" Daily at 3.30, 6.30 and 10 p.m.
ROYAL—"Bandhan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Lapanday" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MISERVA—"Bharosa" Daily at 4.15, 7.15 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Dnyaneshwar" Daily at 4, 7 and 9.45 p.m.

Vishnu Digambar Anniversary Concerts

Two Grand Musical Concerts will be held in aid of Pandit Vishnu Digambar Fund, at St. Xavier's College Hall, Dhobi Talao, on Sunday (25th inst.), at 4 p.m. The following artists will take part:

Vocal Music: Master Yeshwant Parvate, Master Manohar M. Odak, Miss Padmini Shete, Miss Vimala Walavalkar.
Violin: Prof. K. K. Marathe.
Dancing: by Prof. Amarjoti Bose.

Drum: by Prof. R. B. Kale. Sitar: by Master Prabhakar Parab. Vocal Music: by Prof. Navrang, Prof. Shivkumar Shukla, Pt. Vinayakrao, Pt. Wamanrao and Pt. Wamanrao Padhye.

The second concert will be held on Monday (26th inst.), at 4 p.m. The following artists will take part:
Vocal Music: Shankarrao Modak, Purushottam Solankar, Mr. K. K. Kulkarni, Mr. Bhojate, Bhajan, by Vishwanath Jag, Ratikant Arya, Violin: by Prof. Dhoni, Piano: Paluker, Sarangi: by Udat Jirekhan, Mridang: by Pt. Madhava-sing, Tabla: Tarang: by Prof. Raja-bhai Joshi, Vocal Music: by Prof. Wamanrao Sadoliker, Kumar, Paluker and Prof. Ganjanabha Joshi of Poona.

Rates of tickets are: Rs. 5, 3, 2, and 1. They are available at the 'School of Indian Music' Bombay, 4.

LECTURES ON MOTOR MECHANISM BY W. I. A. A.
The W. I. A. A. will conduct a series of lectures on "Motor Mechanism" by Mr. Whomsey, the Service Manager of the Ford Motor Company, on Thursdays at 6.30 p.m. from the 28th August. The syllabus contains the following subjects: Petrol Engines, Electrical system, Cooling system, Fuel system, Clutch, Transmission, Lubrication, Chassis, Brakes and Pools, Wheels and Tyres.

GALLANTRY AWARDS AT VILE PARLE
A reception at the Goddard School Building, in honour of three school boys who dashingly gave themselves into an open water to save a schoolmate from drowning. Sjt. Jagmohan-das Kapadia gave away the awards in cash prizes and medals to the three rescuers. Sjt. Jagmohan-das exhorted the students to learn swimming, which, he said, would be useful in future life.

G. M. VIDYALAYA MANDAL
The Gandharva Maha Vidyalaya Mandal will hold its Convocation at St. Xavier's College Hall, Dhobi Talao on Saturday, 24th instant at 5 p.m. (S.T.) when Sjt. K. M. Munshi will preside and deliver the Convocation address.

The programme is as under:
Prayer; Report by Prof. B. R. Doodhar, Gen. Secretary; Vocal music by Miss Sheela Pandit; Speech by Pandit Omkarrao; The-lore; Speech by Acharya P. K. Airo; Sar-hinda by Ustad Hamid Hussain (Radio Artist); Awarding of Certificates and Diplo-mas; Convocation Address by Sjt. K. M. Munshi; Vote of thanks; Manipuri dance; Vocal music by Master D. V. Palukar and Vande Mataram—Pt. Omkarrao Thakore.

LATE MRS. OOMABAI TURKHUD
(From A Correspondent)
A Divine Service in connection with the Adya Shradha of the late Mrs. Oomabai Turkhud, the revered mother of Mr. B. S. Turkhud, J.P., was conducted by Mr. B. S. Korgaekar one of the oldest and highly esteemed members of the Prathana Samaj, at the residence of Mr. Turkhud on Saturday last.

RICH GWALIOR MERCHANTS DIS-CHARGED AFTER TWO YEARS
On May 21, 1938 one Meghji Poonsey, a partner of Meghji Hirji and Co., grain merchants at Dana Bunder, filed a complaint against three merchants of Gwalior charging them with cheating in respect of Rs. 5,000 and obtained extradition warrants against them.

After a long and protracted trial the accused Manalal Ramil and Mugtilal were discharged on Tuesday by Mr. M. A. F. Coelho, Presidency Magistrate, 2nd Court, Masagan.

COST OF INSURANCE ACT ADMINIS-TRATION
The Committee of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce, in a letter to the Government of India, plead that any deficit that may occur as a result of the increased cost of administration of the Insurance Act should, in all fairness, be met from general revenues and not charged to the trade.—A.P.

POSTAL NOTICE
Owing to the discontinuance of the direct Air Mail Service to Europe, members of the public wishing to communicate with Empire countries are informed that the quickest and cheapest substitute are Empire Social Telegrams (G.I.T.). These telegrams are available between India and all Empire Countries and minimum charge being Rs. 10 for the first 12 words and for each additional word annas 4 1/2. They take their turn with Daily Letter Telegrams and are promptly delivered. They may be used to convey greetings, family news, or news on non-commercial personal affairs. If they be greetings messages addressed to the United Kingdom they can be sent for delivery de Luxe (i.e., on artistic forms with envelopes of the same character) by paying a supplementary charge of annas four per telegram.

FRONTIER GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR FIGHTER FUND.
PESHAWAR, Aug. 21.
His Excellency the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province has issued an appeal for raising subscriptions for a N.W.F.P. fighter aeroplane to be placed at the disposal of His Majesty's Gov-

NATIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Sub-Committee's Reports To Be Considered

BOMBAY, Wednesday.
The National Planning Committee will have about a week's session in Bombay commencing from August 30, to consider the remaining reports of the Sub-Committees as also to discuss the general principles governing the final report.

VALUE OF CENSUS IN NATIONAL PLANNING

Shuaib Qureshi Urges American Model

BHOPAL, August 21.
The organisation and conduct of the census operations is one of the most important Governmental functions in a modern state, declared the Hon. Shuaib Qureshi, Education Minister, Bhopal, and Member of the National Planning Committee, inaugurating the Conference of Census Officers of the States in the Bhopal Agency.

The Conference began here to-day under the presidency of Major I. A. Watter, Superintendent, Census Operations, Central India.

After tracing the history of the census operations down to the present system followed in India and many other countries, Mr. Qureshi suggested "the value of these inquiries will and can be considerably increased in their scope is extended beyond strict limits of mere, demographic surveys."

Mr. Qureshi advised the holding of our census on the American model and utilising the occasion to prepare statistical tables giving information in relation to mines, agriculture, commerce, manufacture, indebtedness, and schools, adding "in other words, we must take the picture of the resources of the country and collect figures in relation to the productive capacity of the nation from time to time. That would help to plan our national activities in a scientific manner and check by observation of the results, the working out of our plan."

The Conference will last for two days—A. P.

Proclaimed Offenders Traced

JULLUNDUR, Aug. 21.
Twenty-one proclaimed offenders were arrested by the police during the "proclaimed offenders' week" which was observed here from August 8 to 15 under the directions of Choudhary Ram Singh, Superintendent of Police Jullundur. The police, it is stated, have recovered over 400 lethal weapons including spears, chhaves, takwas etc., as the result of raids on several villages.—A. P.

MYSORE FLYING CLUB

Another Lakh For State War Fund

BANGALORE, Aug. 20.
A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mysore State War Fund this evening resolved to remit a further sum of one lakh of rupees to Lord Beaverbrook for the purchase of aircraft. The meeting also sanctioned Rs. 60,000 for initial expenses for the Mysore Flying Club to be started under the auspices of the Mysore Government.—A. P.

Another Lakh For Madras Squadron

MADRAS, Aug. 21.
The Honorary Treasurer of the Madras Governor's War Fund announced that a further sum of Rs. one lakh making a total of Rs. 13-12 lakhs to date has been cabled to-day to the Air Ministry, London, for the purchase of fighters for the Madras Squadron.—A. P.

MADRAS GOVERNOR'S WAR FUND

MADRAS, August 21.
The total of H. E. the Governor's War Fund up to the afternoon of 20th August, 1940 amounts to Rs. 19,79,821-11-8.—A. P.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

The Governor of Bombay lunch with Mr. W. L. A. Radcliffe at the Bombay Gymkhana on Wednesday.
Lady Lamley lunch with Lady Beaumont at 'Coleraine Court' Harkness Road, Malabar Hill on Wednesday.

M. Catroux, Governor-General of French Indo-China, arrived in Karachi on Tuesday evening by plane 'en route' to France.

High Court

First Accused To Hang

Second To Suffer Life Sentence: Judgment In Trunk Murder Case

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. J. Wadia and a Special Jury.)
King-Emperor

1. Bhagwanesh Bissessar, and
2. Ramganesht Jaungi, Accused.
After a protracted hearing extending over a number of days, the sensational World Trunk-Murder case was finally disposed of. The Accused in the case were charged with having on the 18th of December, 1939 murdered one Shankar Baloo and committed to the High Court Sessions by Presidency Magistrate 7th Court on 19th June, 1940.

On 17th December, 1939, a trunk was found in the rocks in the sea at Worli. The Police were informed and on opening it a human body was discovered within it. The body thus found inside the trunk was wrapped up in a bed-sheet and this bed-sheet was the sole clue to the Police in their investigation. On the 18th December, (i.e. the next day) the wife of the deceased Shankar Baloo identified the dead body as that of her husband. The laundry marks on the said bed-sheet were traced by the Police to a Washing Company at Kalbadevi. From that place the Police were informed that bed-sheet had been washed with the clothes of one Bhagwanesh who was a "pan-walla". All the "pan-wallas" were thereafter traced and on 21st December, 1939 both the present Accused were arrested.

PROSECUTION STORY

The Prosecution alleged that on the morning of 16th December, the deceased Shankar Baloo left his home and was found sitting in the Badshah cold-drink shop at Mumbai. He was between 12 noon and 1 p.m. From this shop Accused No. 2 decoyed him to the room of Accused No. 1 for the alleged purpose of taking his life. Accused No. 1 who was a "pan-walla" was then in financial difficulties. Accused No. 2 was his employee. The deceased Shankar was a "satta-walla" and the Prosecution alleged that both the Accused knew that was in the habit of carrying about large amounts of cash on his person. The Prosecution further alleged that the deceased was then murdered by the two Accused in the room of Accused No. 1 with intent to commit robbery and his dead body was packed into a trunk which was conveyed by taxi and thrown into the sea at Worli.

Accused No. 2 made a confession before the Coroner on 9th February, 1940 which he subsequently retracted before the committing Magistrate and in the High Court. After being satisfied that the confession was free and voluntary and that the Accused making it had been duly warned of its legal consequences by the Coroner, His Lordship admitted it in evidence under Section 26 of the Indian Evidence Act with Section 19 (3) of the Coroners Act 1871. The confession was then again formally proved before the jury who held that the facts of the case found accused No. 1 unanimously guilty of aiding and abetting accused No. 2, and accused No. 2, guilty by a majority of seven to two of aiding and abetting accused No. 1, of murder.

His Lordship sentenced the first accused to death. The second accused was sentenced to transportation for life.
The Advocate-General with Mr. K. J. Khandalawalla with the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Prosecution. Mr. P. A. Mahale appeared for accused No. 1 and Mr. K. B. Dastur appeared for accused No. 2.

MORE BR. WOMEN & CHILDREN IN INDIA

MADRAS, Aug. 21.
A party of women and children from England numbering about a hundred arrived in Madras this morning 'via' Colombo. They travelled from Dhanushkodi by a special train and left Madras for their destinations in North India by the Grand Trunk Express and the Bombay Express.

About half of the party are children, all British except two, both grandson of the late Sir Fazil Husain. The others are also English except for two Maharashtra ladies from Poona, who have completed their course for Diploma in Education and a young Muslim in charge of Sir Fazil Husain's grandsons.—A. P.

MUSLIM WOMEN MUST GIVE UP PURDAH

Atla Begum put in a strong plea in favour of the abolition of purdah among Muslim women while addressing a gathering of theirs at the Academy of Islamic Ladies at Baig Mahomed Baig on Wednesday evening. The Begum Sahiba of Janjira was in the chair.

Atla Begum said that there was no purdah in Iraq, Iran, Arabia or Egypt and there was no reason why Indian Muslim women should have it. In Mecca, the Prophet's birth-place, men and women prayed together in the open.

The Begum Sahiba of Janjira suggested that a Zamana Educational and Social Club should be started for Muslim ladies.

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LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT

The Conference of representatives of Local Bodies, which met at Poona last week, was convened by Government primarily for the purpose of ascertaining the views of those bodies on the recommendations of the Kale Committee appointed by the Congress Government nearly two years ago. As was to be expected, the Governor seized the opportunity to urge upon the conference the duty of helping in the war effort by, among other ways, investing the surplus funds of the local bodies in the Defence Bonds. Mr. J. A. Madan, who presided over the conference, plainly stated that he could not promise anything about the recommendations of the Conference at the moment but Government would give every consideration to the views expressed by it. We do not think that the present Government will make any radical improvements in local self-government for the simple reason, among others, that this Government is itself the very negative of self-government. It will argue that radical changes which may seriously affect its finances, are hardly possible during the war.

Difficulties Of Local Bodies

The resolutions of the conference, however, deserve to be carefully considered by the public because it may not be long before public opinion will have to assert itself duly in this, as in other matters of constitutional importance. In his inaugural speech the Governor said: "The relations between the provincial Government and local authorities, particularly in respect of finance and powers of taxation, can never be easy in this or any country governed by democratic forms of control." The problem is much harder in India where there has been but little real self-government in the provinces and nothing of it at the Centre, where

too large a part of the country's revenue is impressed for the unconscionably high salaries and pensions of non-Indians, and where cities are encouraged to thrive at the expense of the countryside. As a way out of the difficulty there has been a tendency for the Provincial Governments to throw heavy burdens on the local bodies without making due financial provision for them. The local bodies are doubtless exhorted to tax themselves and to collect their taxes strictly. But in a poor country where the provinces themselves do not find a sufficiently large taxable margin the local bodies have but a small scope for taxation. A complete solution of the difficulty can be found only when the whole country is completely independent. But till then the local bodies must, of course, make the best of their resources.

Reasonable Demands

The Poona conference made some specific suggestions for improving the finances of local bodies. It suggested, for instance, that the minimum and maximum rates of the local fund cess should be appreciably increased, that Government should give a grant equivalent to 10 per cent of the proceeds of land revenue in each district, that a cess should be imposed on forest revenue derived by Government from the sale of valuable forest produce and that the whole or at least a part of the revenue derived by Government from non-agricultural assessment, entertainment tax, the surcharge on the consumption of electrical energy, petrol tax and the motor vehicles tax should be made available to local bodies. These are not unreasonable demands even if they make inroads on the by no means large taxable margin of the Provinces. But local bodies can get all that they need only when the country as a whole is completely free, and that day will come soon if these bodies do everything in their power to hasten it.

Churchill's Review

Mr. Winston Churchill's latest speech in the House of Commons was more coolly confident than warmly eloquent. And rightly so. Last June he made a desperate effort to rally his people to what he called the "honour" of fighting alone and he employed all his superb oratory to convince them that the war was by no means lost. He succeeded. And on Tuesday he spoke in the accents of a man whose faith had been justified. "The array of solid facts" was on his side. Within a few months almost a revolution has taken place in the matter of Britain's preparedness for military defence through the efforts of Britishers and help from America. And if this preparedness, coupled with Britain's naval strength, made an invasion difficult, the amazingly brilliant exploits of the R. A. F. during the last ten days or so have rendered it a gravely hazardous enterprise. Herr Hitler may yet undertake this hazard or at least persist with mass air raids. But he has been stung so badly by the R. A. F. that it is not unlikely for him to revise his strategy and seek to strike through Italy and Spain in the Middle East and against Gibraltar. What Herr Hitler will do next and what awaits him, it is too soon to say yet. But one thing is quite clear—the position, so far as Britain is concerned, on

every front, actual and potential, is almost incomparably better than in June last.

We would like to note here only two more points in Mr. Churchill's speech. The first is a sly hint at Russo-German rivalry in the Black Sea and across and at "pre-occupations he (Herr Hitler) may have in respect of the Russian air force." Now, the fact of rivalry between the two is undoubted and it is a very obvious truism that however friendly the Führer may profess to be with Russia he will always keep a substantial reserve of his Luftwaffe for possible, even if not probable, contingencies on his eastern borders. But we fear that while privately accepting Mr. Churchill's views the Russians will greet his references with an outburst of indignant snubs. Mr. Churchill has not yet fully paid for Mr. Chamberlain's blunders in respect of Russia. The second point relates to Britain's offer of naval bases to the U. S. A. It is a historic and stupendous fact. It marks the beginnings not of a London-New York Axis but of an Anglo-American Union—with the U. S. A. as the senior partner. It is not possible to anticipate the developments and their reactions at this stage. But it can be quite safely taken for granted that they contain potentialities for the British Empire and, indeed, the world, as vast as the Mississippi rolls along in flood.

Prohibition: How To Avoid Legal Difficulties

In the course of memorial submitted to the Bombay Government the Council of the Bombay Presidency Social Reform Association says:

The Council venture to make proposals for the consideration of Government for removing the legal difficulties, if any, arising under the present situation. It is difficult to imagine the reason why the proviso to Section 14 B (1) of the Abkari Act which excepted possession by any common carrier or warehouseman was deleted. The deleting of the proviso according to the decision of the High Court destroyed or at any rate rendered very difficult import and export of foreign liquor into and from the Port of Bombay. The deleting of the proviso would interfere with the authority of the Central Government to legislate under item 19 in List I in respect of export and import of intoxicants across the sea frontiers of Bombay. The deleting of the proviso to section 14 B (1) so far as it affects foreign liquor in the possession of any common carrier or warehouseman as such will have to be corrected and the proviso so far as it affects foreign liquor in the possession of any common carrier or warehouseman will have to be resorted to its former position. Suitable amendment will have to be made to make it clear that the new legislation does not encroach upon import and export across the customs barriers or the power of the Central Government under item 19 in List I.

It was held by the High Court that the power of the Provincial

Legislature under S. 100 of the Government of India Act, and item 31 of List II of the VII Schedule to make laws as to "possession" of intoxicating liquors must necessarily involve the right to prohibit possession. So far the decision of the High Court is in favour of the legality of the Notification. It is further held that the question of total prohibition did not arise as the notification in question did not prohibit possession throughout the whole Province, but enforced prohibition within the town and island of Bombay. It was further held that any legislation which restricted possession or consumption of intoxicants was likely to have a prejudicial effect upon the customs revenue of the Central Government, but that fact would not prevent the Provincial Government from exercising the power conferred upon it by item No. 31. The Notification of 17th July 1939 was set aside mainly on the ground that Section 7 of Act VI of 1940 could not affect the construction of the Notification already rescinded still less of a notification which had been already declared invalid and, therefore, had never any legal effect and was a mere nullity.

The proper procedure now is to amend the deletion of Section 14 B (1) of the Abkari Act in a proper manner so as not to interfere with the right of the Central Legislature under item 19 List I and to issue a new notification bearing the actual date on which it is passed in pursuance of

Act VI of 1940, on the lines of the previous notification. Consequently changes will have to be made in Section 7 of Act VI of 1940.

An alternative course is to embark upon a comprehensive legislation on the question of total prohibition on the lines of the Madras Act of 1937 avoiding the pitfalls or defects pointed out by the decisions of the Bombay High Court.

If a new notification is issued as suggested above, and if it is also challenged in Court, there would be ample time, if any further time is considered necessary, for embarking on a comprehensive legislation suggested in para 11, and a proper occasion for taking the matter to the Federal Court to have a final decision of the highest tribunal in the land. It is doubtful if an appeal to the Federal Court would lie or leave would be granted in respect of the *obiter dicta* of the Bombay High Court. The Council of the Association do not in any way suggest that the decision of the High Court is in any way erroneous or faulty. On the other hand it has made many points lucid and clear, and has given helpful guidance to the Provincial Legislative authority which may have an occasion to legislate on the matter.

Taxation By Local Authorities

By RAM L. GOGTAY, (Secretary, Indian Motion Picture Producers' Association, Bombay).

Let us now see how far the claim of the Local Self-Government Committee to levy octroi duties under item 49 of the Provincial Legislative List can, as alleged by the Committee, be sustained. Here again Section 143(2) authorizes continuance of the levy of such taxes, duties, cesses and fees as were being collected by local bodies on the 1st January 1935 until provision to the contrary is made by the Federal Legislature. This means that such of the local bodies as were levying octroi duties on that date can continue to do so on the same articles and at the same rates as were in force on that date. If even the list of the articles and the scale of levy cannot be increased beyond what was legally possible on the 1st January 1935, can it be seriously contended that the intention of the India Act was to allow that provision to be negated by item 49 of the Provincial List which talks only of "cesses" and not of "taxes" or "duties" and when "octroi duties" have here been even mentioned in the Act? The fact that the octroi duties can be levied until provision to the contrary is made by the Federal Legislature clearly shows that the India Act accepts the principles described in para 2 above, and admits the interpretation that the octroi is to be replaced by the terminal tax.

The contention of the Committee can be demolished on other grounds as well. What is now item 49 of the Provincial Legislative List formed part of an item which read as "Taxes on consumption, cesses on the entry of goods into a local area; taxes on sale of commodities and on turnover; tax on advertisements" in the Report of the Joint Parliamentary Committee. But in the actual enactment the item was divided into what are now items 48 viz., taxes on the sale of goods and on advertisement and 49 viz., Cesses on the entry of goods into a local area for consumption, use or sale therein. The point to be noted is that although "Cesses on the entry of goods into a local area for consumption, use or sale therein" are retained "taxes on consumption" of which octroi is one, have been totally left out from item 49. That being so, it cannot be said that "cesses" are included in "taxes" for "cesses" must be levied for a particular purpose, as in the case of the education cess the proceeds of which must be wholly utilized to cover the cost of imparting education, or must be of a definite nature like the cess on land revenue and not be of a general nature embracing any article, as in the case of octroi duties, which, therefore, are "taxes" and not

Prof. K. T. Shah & The Senate

To The Editor of "The Chronicle" Sir,—It is an irony of fate, that the man, who should have been long sent to our Councils and Assembly as an expert economist to deal with the annual jugglings of the budgets, has been kept back by unknown forces so far! The man, who was offered a high position in the financial department by the Japanese Government, was not offered a post in any of our eight Congress Cabinets! He would have made an excellent Finance Minister, and saved many of the Congress Ministries from their various bungle!

Whenever I think of Prof. Shah's sad experiences, I am reminded of the noble qualities of Sir Pherozeshah Mehta, who resigned his seat in the Imperial Legislative Council to make room for his devoted disciple, Gopal Krishna Gokhale. Had Mehta been alive, he would have made it a point to see that Shah was sent to the Council or the Assembly to maintain and enhance the splendid work of Gokhale in regard to Budget, military expenditure, etc.

But lesser men have kept back Prof. Shah. They have freely drawn on his knowledge of finance and economics. Many of them have their budget speeches writ-

Japan's New Offensive

Says a Chungking message: "The banking, restaurant and shopping districts of Chungking are practically wiped out as a result of the Japanese bombing raids yesterday and to-day in which showers of incendiary bombs sent the whole area up in flames." It has been plain for sometime now that, having failed to subdue China otherwise, the Japanese are out to break her resistance by ruthlessly burning and annihilating Chungking and other towns. They will, of course, fail in the main objective. The fight will go on even if several Chungking are burnt out of existence. But in view of the new offensive of brutality China is entitled to more material assistance from the two countries which are in a position to render it, the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. Suggestions have been mooted in America for closer co-operation with Russia for this purpose. Let us hope it materialises. Meanwhile, it is possible for the U.S.S.R. to do for China what Italy and Germany did for Franco's Spain. It is possible because German aerial losses over Britain ought to enable Russia to release a proportion of her aircraft and airmen for service in China.

Unfair

The public will be amazed to learn that the Government of India have decided to import British European subjects from Empire countries in the East to officer the Indian Army and to fill posts as technicians and engineers in India. And their excuse for this extraordinary procedure is that under present conditions it is far easier to obtain the proper type of British personnel to meet urgent requirements in India from these countries than from Great Britain. This may be easy for Government and profitable for the Britishers imported, but it is unfair to the Indians, whose primary claims are ignored but who have yet to foot the bill for all the jobs reserved for outsiders. Government owe an explanation to

ten or amended by him. But, none of them had the patriotism to stand aside and make room for an illustrious economist like Prof. Shah.

There is some consolation, that his great work and worth are recognised by the Economic Planning Committee founded by Babu Subhas Chandra Bose, and now presided over by Pandit Jawaharlal.

All credit is due to the graduates, who have sent him to the Senate, and given Prof. Shah an opportunity to serve the country in the sphere of education. I have no doubt, that my Graduate Friends will return him with a larger vote to the Senate to mark their appreciation of his silent and solid work in that body—Yours, etc.,

B. F. BEARUCHA.

ment policy regarding prohibition appeared in the daily press on 15th July 1940. The Council approved the draft, and decided to forward this memorial to the Governor as the chief legislative authority as in their opinion the force and cogency of many of the argument and suggestions in this memorial were not materially affected by the recent declaration of the Government Prohibition policy. It is regretted that public opinion was not invited and so far as the Council is aware there was no time limit fixed for making any representations by the public.

If the recent proposals made by Government are tentative and not final, and if any useful purpose is likely to be served by any further representation to the Government, the Council will send a representation dealing with the proposals contained in the recent declaration of Government Prohibition policy.

The following is the text of the reply to the Association from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Revenue Department: "I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated 18th July 1940 and to state that the legal and economic considerations put forth by your Association have been fully considered by Government. I am to add that it is not necessary for your Association to send a further representation dealing with the proposals but I am to express the hope that your Association will continue its co-operation in the work of inculcating temperance and reducing the evils of intemperance in Bombay and elsewhere."

Frankly Speaking

the public in this matter. If Indians possessing the necessary qualifications are not immediately available there would be justification for Government's decision. If, however, the qualifications required are such as are possessed by a large number of Indians, the decision can only be described as being indefensible.

A Memorial On Prohibition

The Bombay Presidency Social Reform Association has done a service to the cause of prohibition by releasing for publication the memorandum submitted by it to the Bombay Government on the recent changes made by them in the policy of prohibition. The best part of the memorial is that in which the Association makes specific proposals to remove the legal difficulties, "if any," arising under the present situation. Considering that the President of the Association, Sir Sitaram P. Patkar, is an ex-judge of the Bombay High Court, that one of its Vice-Presidents, Mr. Justice H. V. Divatia, is a present judge of the same Court, and that one of its Secretaries, Mr. D. G. Dalvi, is a leading member of the Bombay bar, the Association's suggestions on the legal aspects of the question are entitled to most careful consideration by all interested in prohibition.

Prohibition, Not Temperance, Is The Goal

In concluding the memorial the Association said: "If the recent proposals made by Government are tentative and not final and if any useful purpose is likely to be served by any further representation to the Government, the Council will send a representation dealing with the proposals contained in the recent declaration of Government prohibition policy." But in reply Government state: "It is not necessary for your Association to send a further representation dealing with the proposals, but I am to express the hope that your Association will continue its co-operation in the work of inculcating temperance and reducing the evils of intemperance in Bombay and elsewhere." It would have been more courteous and more in consonance with the policy of prohibition, which has been enjoined on Government by the Legislature, to welcome the representation offered by the Association. Government cannot escape their obligation in this matter by their talk about temperance.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

He who knows woman has solved a great mystery.
And money is often the root of many a family tree.
Painting is more of a habit with

WITHOUT COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 21. German pressure on the Vichy Government was admitted by Marshal Petain in an interview with American newspapermen.

According to the "New York Times" Vichy correspondent, Marshal Petain is quoted as saying: "I do not pretend that this Government is free. The Germans hold the rope and twist it whenever they consider that the accord is not being carried out." Marshal Petain denied, however, that French liberty had come to an end.—Reuter.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Lord Winterton demanded that "the Secretaries for the Colonies and for India should raise the greatest land armies the world has ever seen."

The Congress could not give a better answer to the Viceroy.

The President of United Provinces Provincial Congress Committee has, we note, been arrested.

Which is as it should be. It is the duty of Sir Maurice Hallett to teach his province its obligations to democracy and democratic principles, which have been challenged by Hitler—and to teach with persuasion if possible, pressure if necessary.

In his convocation address to the Bombay University, Sir Akbar Hydari is reported to have stressed the urgency and importance of creating a strong and united India.

An urgent and strong *fatwa* against Sir Akbar must immediately be issued by the Qaid-e-Azam.

According to a Trivandrum message, Mr. S. Satyamurti was the chief guest at a dinner given by Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer.

Details are not given, but it is earnestly to be hoped that he did not make a speech.

Respond Even If No Good Comes Of It.

—Headline to Mr. Aney's plea for co-operation.

Then what is the good of it? "A damned good speech—shows a lot of confidence and is reassuring"—American comment on Mr. Churchill's speech.

Yes, a damned good speech—shows a lot of confidence in the ability of the British Navy to continue to exist and protect the Atlantic.

The *Daily Mail* of Lord Rothermere draws attention to the "very pregnant sentence" in which Mr. Churchill referred to the Russian Air Force.

It is, we fear, very pregnant—with a potential outburst on the Moscow wireless and a snub by M. Molotov.

It is reported from Tokio that for the purpose of evacuating Japanese subjects from Britain three liners are 'en route' and a fourth has already arrived in Liverpool.

Berlin must make strong representations to Tokio. For the whole thing constitutes gross innuendo against the Berlin Radio. The Japanese ought to know and believe that, thanks to the Luftwaffe of their great and mighty friend, the port was closed and destroyed long ago, in fact there is no such thing in existence as Liverpool.

According to a Honolulu report, the main body of the United States fleet has left for manoeuvres, which are expected to last a month.

This is too bad, trying Japanese nerves for a full month.

"My goodness," exclaimed the stranger, who had dropped into the police court to pass away half an hour, "they've caught a pretty tough lot this morning, haven't they?"

"You're looking at the wrong lot," said his neighbour. "Those aren't the prisoners. They're the lawyers!"

some women than art is with an artist.

One woman can call another "Dearie" and make it sound like a swear word.

You can't tell much about a woman by the things that appeal to her sense of humour.

Our deepest sympathy is with the man of a few words who is married to a woman who does a continuous monologue stunt.

"Zero Hour For Us And Others Approaching"

Jawahar On Arrest Of U. P. Congress President

WARDHA, Aug. 21.

The following statement has been issued by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru:—

"I must congratulate my comrades of the United Provinces on the arrest of the President of our Provincial Congress Committee. Probably in no province in India have so many hundreds of arrests been made for carrying on Congress activities as in the United Provinces.

In spite of this persistent and continuing attack on the U. P. Congress, we have carried on our activities with dignity as disciplined soldiers of the Congress. We shall continue to do so with redoubled vigour. The arrest of our President is a challenge to us and a warning that the time for our trial approaches and zero hour for us as for others is near.

"NO PRIZES FOR US"

"The cause we have loved and been privileged to serve beckons to us again and demands our wholehearted allegiance and service. We have no prizes in store for us. We can only look forward to hardship and suffering and a long parting from those whom we love. Hard and heavy times lie ahead of us. But we shall transmute that suffering into joy as we march along again on a road we know so well. And there will be peace in our hearts and minds after travail of the spirit that we have gone through.

"As soon as I can, I shall join my comrades of the U. P. My place is with them and my heart longs to be by their side. I hope that every Congress Committee and Congressmen will give all his strength and time to Congress work now, and carry on the message of the Congress to every nook and corner of the province. Men and women of the United Provinces, dear comrades in many a noble adventure, be ready. On your feet now, and straighten your backs and let there be no faltering."—United Press.

PETAINE'S CONFESSIONS

No Use Pretending That This Government Is Free!

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RESPONSIBLE GOVT. AT CENTRE

Gour Pleads For Immediate Dominion Status

(From Our Correspondent).

LONDON, Aug. 20. Dr. Harisingh Gour in a letter to the "Manchester Guardian" maintains that Britain had committed herself to grant Dominion Status to India but never fulfilled that commitment. Dr. Gour accuses that even Mr. Montagu's promise of progressive realisation of Responsible Government has not been made good so far as the Central Government is concerned. Dr. Gour adds: "India is a peaceful and peace-loving country and would gladly give of her best but men's hearts are not won by undated promises. I suggest that the Government at once give India Dominion Status by establishing Responsible Government at the Centre."

EAST INDIA FLIGHTS EXPLOITS

LONDON, Aug. 21.

Though the Air Ministry is reluctant to give details of the exploits of individual R.A.F. squadrons, it is common knowledge that the flights brought into being by the subscriptions from Hyderabad and East-India Fund have taken a glorious part in the recent fight. Pilots flying the East-India Fund Spitfires had just returned from engaging the enemy, when they were presented with tankards the other day. Immediately thereafter, they were in the air again. The machines purchased with the latest cheque from Hyderabad will be known as the 'Jagirdars Flight'.

A ceremonial naming of all machines from Empire sources is being arranged, and the ceremony will take place in the near future.—Reuter.

German Plane Down In Flames

LONDON, August 21. It is believed that German aircraft made widespread attacks in

Britain's Arms Production

Morrison Plan For Speed Up: Modification In Almost Every Fire-Arm

LONDON, Aug. 21. Mr. Herbert Morrison announced that the changes recently made in the decision and finish of the Bren Gun would eventually increase the output by some twenty per cent for a given number of hours of labour.

As a result of the examination the whole question of design and finish of our weapons, modifications had been made in almost every fire-arm from the miniature rifle to heavy artillery leading to reduction in the time required to produce them.—Reuter.

Khudai Khidmatgars Won't Resign From Congress: Abdul Gaffar Khan's Advice

PESHAWAR, August 21.

Writing in his journal "Pushtun" to-day, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan asks the Khudai Khidmatgars not to resign from the Congress.

No Resignation

He says:—"In connection with my resignation, I had advised my Khudai Khidmatgar brethren to leave the Congress. But from the Provincial Congress Committee's resolution, passed at Abbottabad on August 11, it is clear that the majority of members of the committee have complete faith in non-violence. As there now remains no difference in principle between the Khudai Khidmatgars and the Committee, and as we are in majority in the Committee it is unnecessary for us to resign under the circumstances."

Make Them Jirgas

Concluding Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan says: "Of course, those who are in minority in the Congress Committee should tender their resignations, and we will transform these committees as before, into pure Khudai Khidmatgar 'jirgas' (committees)."—United Press.

GERMAN PRESS ON CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

LONDON, Aug. 21.

Berlin newspapers which have been for weeks telling their readers that the collapse of the British Empire is near, are now in considerable bewilderment to-day over the confident tone of Mr. Churchill's speech.

The German News Agency says that the consensus of press opinion is that the speech was "a mixture of paralysing fear and desperate swagger."

The "Berlin Boersen Zeitung" boldly asserts that "while the German air force swarms over England, always reaching its objective,.... the British Premier talks, as if it is not England, but her opponent that had revealed itself as a colossus with feet of clay." The "Berlin Lokalanzeiger" is satisfied that "an Empire rushing into disintegration feels stronger than ever."—Reuter.

ALL-INDIA MUSLIM LEAGUE

Cabinet Meets In Bombay On August 31

KARACHI, Aug. 20.

The postponed meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League has been finally fixed to be held in Bombay, on August 31, and subsequent days to consider the latest Viceroy's declaration.

The meeting will also consider the Governor-General's Ordinance banning the activities of private Volunteer Corps.—A. P.

Sir Sikandar For Bombay

SIMLA, Aug. 21.

Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, who is a member of the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, it is learnt, is leaving Simla on August 28 to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held in Bombay on August 31.—United Press.

NO RAPPROCHEMENT MOVE

League Secretary Denies It

MUSSOOREE, Aug. 21.

Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan, Honorary Secretary, All-India Muslim League, denies a report in the press that an approach towards an understanding between the Muslim League and the Congress is sought to be made by some prominent members of the Bihar Muslim League, who are supported in their move by a few other members of the League from other provinces and that these members have tabled a resolution, intended to be moved at the next meeting of the Muslim League Council for the summoning of which, a requisition has

FOILING ENEMY ATTEMPT

Britain Bans Import Of Bank Of England Notes From Occupied Areas

LONDON, Aug. 21. The Treasury has announced that as considerable amounts of Bank of England Notes were held in France and other territories occupied by the enemy and may, therefore, fall in enemy hands it has been decided by an Order-in-Council to prohibit import of Bank of England Notes into the United Kingdom.

The value of sterling in world markets is in no way affected since commercial transactions are not carried out in bank of England Notes.

Bank of England Notes held inside the sterling area continue to be freely negotiable.—Reuter.

British Troops Quit Shanghai

March Through City For Last Time

SHANGHAI, Aug. 21. Stirring scenes were witnessed in Shanghai when British troops marched through the City for the last time on their withdrawal to an unknown destination. Contingents of Seaforth Highlanders and East Surrey Regiment marched to the docks between dense crowds, headed by the band of the United States Marines.—Reuter.

AIR RAIDS ON ALL FRONTS

(Continued from page 1)

Last night, states an Air Ministry 'communique'. It adds: "Daylight attacks were carried out yesterday and to-day on aerodromes in enemy occupied territory. Attacks were also made yesterday by aircraft of the Coastal Command on two enemy destroyers in the North Sea, one of which was damaged. We suffered no losses in these operations."

Raids On Abyssinia

An R.A.F. 'communique' from Cairo states that on August 19, simultaneous offensive reconnaissances were carried out over Italian aerodromes in Abyssinia and Italian aerodromes by squadrons of the South African Air Force. Bombs fell near the wireless station at Mega, buildings were damaged at Neghelli, Caproni aircraft on the ground at Yavelly were hit and there were direct hits on a store house at Afmadu.

Yesterday our bombers attacked hangars and the railway station at Dire-dawa. All bombs fell in the target area and a direct hit was scored on a hangar. One of our aircraft failed to return.

An attack was made on the Dessi aerodrome, the bombs hitting buildings in the compound.

Our bombers carried out a low level attack on railway buildings at Kasala, the track being hit.

French pilots co-operating with the R.A.F. made extensive reconnaissance over British Somaliland, the places visited including Berbera, Odweina, Margessa and Zella.

RAID ON MALTA

Yesterday ten enemy bombers escorted by twenty fighters, raided Malta, our fighters went up and dispersed the enemy.—Reuter.

THREE ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN ON TUESDAY

LONDON, Aug. 20.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states, "Three further enemy aircraft have been shot down to-day by our fighters, one of them by the Polish squadron of the R. A. F."

It is now established that eight more enemy aircraft were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire during air fighting on Sunday and that an enemy flying boat was shot down by anti-aircraft fire off the north-east coast on Monday night."

GERMAN PLANE CRASHES IN EIRE

Injured Crew Interned

DUBLIN, Aug. 21.

Government Information Bureau has issued a statement saying that "a German plane crashed early this afternoon at Faha Mountain near Cloughane in County Kerry. The plane is a total wreck."

The crew of six, two of whom were seriously injured, are interned.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON 'ST. PATRICK' AGAIN

Three German Bombers Driven Off

LONDON, Aug. 21.

A second attack within a few days on the Great Western Railway steamer "Saint Patrick" (3,000 tons) while on voyage to Ireland occurred yesterday off the Westford coast.

Three German bombers attacking the vessel were driven off by its guns. There were no casualties or damage.—Reuter.

Blockade Of British Territory

ROME, August 20.

Following the example of Germany, Italy has announced the intensification of the blockade of British territory. Warning has been sent to all neutral Governments to keep ships out of the Italian war zone, comprising of an extensive area round the shores of British possessions and protectorates in the Mediterranean, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden as well as the British colonial coasts, Africa coast, Egypt and Sudan.—Reuter.

ANGLO-POLISH ALLIANCE IN RELATION TO RUSSIA

Gallacher Raises Ticklish Question In Commons: Sinclair Explains How British Claims In Air Battles Are Computed

LONDON, Aug. 21. In the House of Commons questioned on the subject of the relations between the British and Polish Governments, Mr. R. A. Butler replied that there was the closest collaboration on all matters concerning the conduct of the war, including questions of foreign policy.

Since September last, the Polish Government had made it clear that they could only regard the violation by the Soviet Union of the Soviet-Polish Non-Aggression Pact as placing them in a state of war with the Soviet Union. For the rest, as he said on August 15, Lord Halifax was not prepared to take on himself the duty of giving information about the relations between an Independent Government and other Foreign Governments.

ANGLO-SOVIET RELATIONS

Mr. Gallacher asked: "In view of the fact that the only centre from which the Polish Government, so-called, could carry on the war against the Soviet Union is from this country, will the Minister consider that that is hampering the desire of the British Government for improved relations with the Soviet Union?"

Mr. Butler, replying, pointed out that Mr. Gallacher knew the desire of His Majesty's Government to improve the relations with the Soviet Union.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Mr. Butler told the Commons that the resignation of the Secretary-General of the League of Nations had not yet become effective. Proposals had been worked out for the transfer of the personnel of certain sections of the Secretariat from Geneva to facilitate social and economic work of the League of Nations. The personnel of the International Labour Office had already been transferred to Canada. This was not the only section which had been transferred. "Others are on their way," added Mr. Butler who stated that he hoped to make a fuller statement on the matter at a later date.

AIR LOSSES LIST

Sir Archibald Sinclair, asked to state the methods used for checking and verifying figures in view of the wide disparity between British and German accounts of losses in the air battles, replied that the casualties caused to enemy aircraft were classified under three main heads:—

Certainly destroyed.

Probably destroyed, if it was seen to hit the ground or sea or break up in the air or descend in flames. Enemy aircraft were classified as probably destroyed if it was seen to break off combat in circumstances which would lead to the conclusion that it must have become a loss.

The third category includes cases in which enemy aircraft had been considerably damaged; for example, the undercarriage dropped, engine stopping or parts of aircraft shot away.

PILOTS QUESTIONED

Returning from combat, R.A.F. pilots were interrogated by the station intelligence officer. When reports from all of them had been received, the intelligence officer would interrogate them again in cases where any doubt existed. Numbers of enemy aircraft in each of the three categories are transmitted by each Squadron to its Group Head-

TREATMENT OF NAZI PARACHUTISTS

LONDON, August 21.

The German Note on parachute troops has now been received in London through the Swiss Government, "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent learns. The British Government is considering the reply. It is understood that the Note deals with treatment of parachute troops who might land in Britain or British territory.—Reuter.

Warning To People

Sir John Anderson speaking in London said: "If the invader should succeed in gaining a temporary foothold on our shores, if parachutists or airborne troops should succeed in finding a spot where they can land safely, not only will they find themselves swiftly and savagely beaten, but they will be operating—assuming they get a chance to operate at all—under circumstances where so far as is humanly possible, every article, commodity or service which they could turn to account will have been put out of action or placed beyond their reach."

Much depended on the public who must train themselves in advance in the determination that

BR. CHANCES OF SUCCESS

U. S. Military Officials' Views

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.

The United States Military officials are taking a much more optimistic view of Britain's chances than they did even a few weeks ago, Reuter learns from high quarters in Washington. This is due to recent information reaching here and the results of the air warfare to date.

The officials now believe that on the basis of reports from qualified professional observers, Britain has an excellent chance of defeating the German bid for air supremacy over the United Kingdom.

In no circumstances would they play the enemy's games by flocking on roads, listening to rumours or by allowing themselves to be led astray by false orders. From the top to the bottom of the military and civil defence organisation there is the closest contact and co-operation.—Reuter.

Bengal On Top In Defence Arrests Externment And Internment Orders Galore

2,457 persons were dealt with under the Defence of India Rules in Bengal. Of them 266 were sentenced, 1,739 cases are pending, and 452 have been served with orders of externment, internment and other restrictions.

This information was furnished by Khwaja Sir Nazimuddin, the Home Minister, in reply to a question in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

To another question Sir Nazimuddin replied that there were 77 terrorist prisoners in Bengal jails now, 36 of them had not accepted an offer of conditional release. The period of the unexpired portion of sentence had been extended in one case to 18 years, in another case to 21 years and in a third case to 30 years, the case of the maximum period being 37 years and 5 days.—United Press.

Detenu Charged With Sedition

CALCUTTA, Aug. 21. Prof. Jyotish Chandra Ghosh, formerly Acting President of the suspended Bengal Provincial Congress Committee, who was already detained under the Defence of India Rules with two others has been prosecuted on a charge of delivering a seditious speech in Haripal in Hooghly District.—United Press.

Bengal Ban On Leaflets

CALCUTTA, Aug. 21. Seven leaflets and a periodical have been proscribed under the Defence of India Rules by the Government of Bengal. They are "Bolshevik Party Istahar", "To-day the Red Letter Day", "Bhagwan Pata Suri Halo

SATYAMURTHI AS C. P.'S CHIEF GUEST

TRIVANDRUM, Aug. 21. Mr. S. Satyamurthi, Mayor of Madras, was the chief guest at a dinner party given by the Dewan of Travancore, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer last night at his residence.

The party was later joined by Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, and they witnessed a demonstration of Indian classical dances.

Earlier in the evening the Trivandrum Municipality gave an evening party in honour of Mr. Satyamurthi which was attended by the Dewan and prominent officials and non-officials.—A. P.

Satyamurthi's Tribute To Sir C. P.

TRIVANDRUM, Aug. 21. A tribute to Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, Dewan of Travancore, as the supreme example of fairness in political life, was paid by the Mayor of Madras, Mr. S. Satyamurthi unveiling Sir Ramaswami Iyer's portrait at the Central Recreation Club, Trivandrum, this morning.

Mr. Satyamurthi said Sir Ramaswami Iyer believed there was room for honest differences in political life, but such differences called for the exercise of great fairness and courtesy to each other.

Sir Ramaswami Iyer's entire public life had been a demonstration of such fairness and recognition of the fact that while everyone sought to serve the best of his lights, none had the monopoly in political wisdom or statesmanship. Mr. Satyamurthi added, Sir Ramaswami Iyer had done great things in the past, but to achieve even greater things in future. His work in Travancore was a great example of his friendly devotion to the ruler and people of Travancore. Mr.

Aji, Bhango Bhango Shrinkhal, "Bolshevik" (special) of July 18, 1940, "Reality versus Myths," "Molotov Speaks," "For Peace and Socialism," and "Communist News Letter."—A. P.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER ARRESTED

AMRITSAR, Aug. 21. Hakim Sikandar Khizar, President of the District Congress and Executive Officer of the Lyallpur Municipality, was arrested this afternoon under the Defence of India Rules on a warrant from the District Magistrate of Multan, for an alleged objectionable speech delivered there. He was produced before the Magistrate who ordered him to be taken to Multan to stand his trial. He is being taken to Multan by the evening train.—United Press.

A. I. C. C. Member Arrested

PATNA, Aug. 21. Ganga Saran Singh, General Secretary of the Bihar Socialist Party and a member of the A. I. C. C., was arrested to-day at Bharatpura, Bikram District, under the Defence of India Rules on a charge of having delivered an objectionable speech at village Rani Talab, Bikram District, early this week.—United Press.

CEYLON PLANTERS FOR INDIAN ARMY?

(From Our Correspondent.) SINGAPORE, Aug. 21. The "Ceylon Daily News" reveals the following "inquiry" has been made by the Secretary of the Defence Department of the Government of India as to whether 25 members of the Ceylon planters Rife Corps could be sent to Officers Cadet College in India with a view to being granted commissions in Indian army. Comments are needless.

Satyamurthi did not doubt that when the present political clouds lifted, a free Travancore would play her full part in a free India, and in that great and good work, Sir Ramaswami Iyer would have his great role to fulfil.

Mr. Satyamurthi added Sir Ramaswami Iyer was one of the most cultured men he knew. He considered Sir Ramaswami Iyer's contribution to contemporary national life as supreme in the field of fine arts.—A. P.

Sir Maurice Gwyer At Travancore

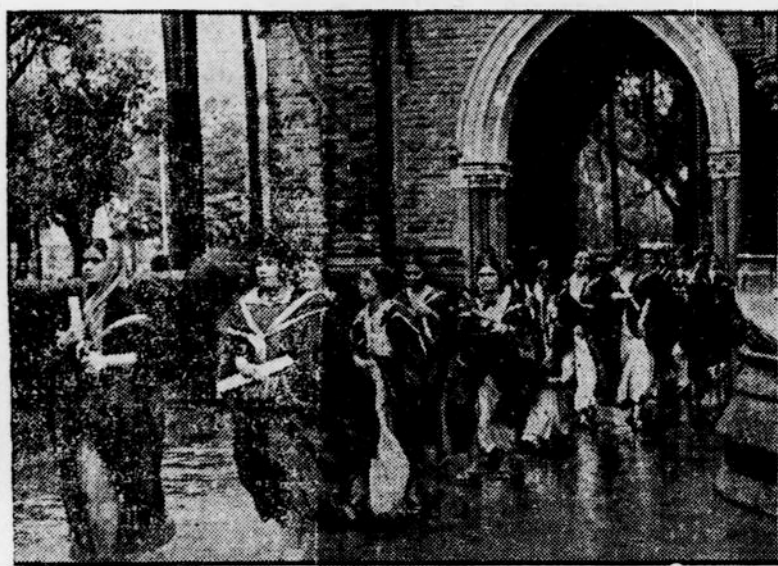
TRIVANDRUM, Aug. 21. Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, had an interview with their Highnesses the Maharaja and Maharani of Travancore this afternoon.

Earlier Sir Maurice Gwyer visited the Travancore University and the University institutions.

In the afternoon, Sir Maurice Gwyer visited the Travancore High Court where he was received by the Chief Justice. He also visited the Palace Art Gallery at Ranga Vilas this morning.

Sir Maurice Gwyer is leaving for Cape Comorin this evening and returning to-morrow. He will inaugurate the Travancore University Union before leaving for Pondicherry on 25th August.—A. P.

Eve Dons Gown



Women graduates in the Bombay University Convocation procession on Tuesday.

BOSE GROUP WALKS OUT

Protest Against Mayor's Ruling

CALCUTTA, Aug. 21. The Hindu Maha Sabha Group and some members of the Bose Group in the Calcutta Corporation staged a walk-out at to-day's meeting as a protest against the Mayor's ruling regarding a resolution proposing Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose's release.

When the resolution asking the Government to release forthwith Alderman Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose in the interest of better administration of the City, was moved, the Mayor ruled that this being an extraordinary matter should come up before a special meeting on requisition.—United Press.

BENGAL EDUCATION BILL IN ASSEMBLY

Congressmen Refuse Seat In Select Committee

CALCUTTA, Aug. 21. The Bengal Secondary Education Bill, which created a good deal of interest in the Province, was introduced in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day by the Premier, Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, who is in charge of Education. The House was full with a large number of visitors.

In the course of a 75-minute speech, Mr. Fazlul-Huq explained the object and provisions of the Bill which aimed, he said, at the control of secondary education and educational reform long overdue. He emphasised that the Board proposed to be set up in the Bill must have complete control over secondary education, and there must be adequate representation of all communities on the Board.

The Bill was referred to a Select Committee consisting of seven members, five of whom, belonging to the Congress and Hindu Nationalist Groups, Mr. Huq said, declined to serve on the Committee.—United Press.

HUNGER-STRIKERS FORCIBLY FED

LAHORE, August 21. Six detenus, who have been hunger-striking in Montgomery Central Jail for about three weeks are being forcibly fed by the jail authorities and their condition is stated to be satisfactory according to a report received here.

The Inspector-General of Prisons, Punjab, recently visited Montgomery Central Jail and saw the detenus. It is understood that their cases are being examined by the Government.—A. P.

KHAKSARS TO OBEY ORDERS

No Drill In Formation For Duration Of The War

LUCKNOW, Aug. 21. The Khaksars have now decided to obey the ban imposed by the Central Government, wherever enforced by any Provincial Government, and shall cease to drill, for the duration of the war.

This decision has been announced by Mian Ahmed Shah, Bar-at-Law, Chief of the Khaksars, in a statement to the press.

Mian Ahmed Shah says: "I met Allama Mashruqi Sahab in the Vellore Central Jail on August 15 and discussed with him for three days the situation arising out of the All-India ban imposed by the Central Government prohibiting drills etc., by various volunteer organisations, as well as the Khaksars' dispute with the Punjab Ministry."

After consultations with Allama Sahab, Dara-Alliya-Hind and Madarunizam, I make the following statement with full authority that till the duration of the present European war

(A) The Khaksars should obey the ban imposed by the Central Government wherever enforced by a Provincial Government and shall cease to drill.

(B) There is no objection to their going to their weekly meetings or to the mosques together or one behind the other, but they must not do this in a way which gives the character of military drill or formation to their movement. Similarly, they shall continue to do their social work and daily programmes in their mohallas with the above restrictions.

(C) Belchas may of course be carried, but they must not drill with them.

(D) The uniform will be slightly altered to make it less like military uniform by the removal of shoulder straps and flaps to the pockets.

(E) There may be periodical Khaksar rallies with the permission of Idara-Ullyia, but the above restrictions have to be strictly observed.

"I hope that the difficulties in the way of the Khaksars in Delhi, Punjab and the Frontier Provinces will be removed very soon. I also wish to come to an agreement with the Punjab Government on the lines of that reached by me with the U. P. Government last November.—A. P.

ed under the Defence of Burma Rules.

Dr. Ba Maw was arrested on August 6 on a charge of sedition arising, it is alleged, out of a speech delivered by him at a conference of the Burma Freedom Bloc held at Mandalay. Dr. Ba Maw was elected Dictator of the Bloc.

The case commenced here before the Additional Magistrate yesterday when two prosecution witnesses were examined. Dr. Ba Maw is not defending himself but has submitted a written statement to the Court which has been filed. Dr. Ba Han, Counsel for Dr. Ba Maw, informed the Court that he had strict instructions not to argue the case.

The Public Prosecutor will argue the charge on Thursday.

The first prosecution witness to be examined was the District Superintendent of Police. During cross-examination in regard to Dr. Ba Maw's speech at the Freedom Bloc Conference, he said, that though conscientious objection was allowed by law while from a strictly religious point of view, a Buddhist might say that he refused to help to kill the enemy of Britain, Dr. Ba Maw's speech had directly contravened the Defence of Burma Rules.

A special police guard had been posted outside the Court premises. The case for the Crown is being conducted by Mr. H. M. Lutter, Public Prosecutor of Mandalay.—A. P.

SABARMATI HUMMING AGAIN

Devotees Of Non-Violence Prepare For Satyagrah

(From Our Correspondent.) AHMEDABAD, Aug. 21.

Sabarmati Ashram once again has become a political centre as Gandhiji has instructed his following to prepare in full strength for an experiment of their conception of non-violence. Those who have signed pledges of complete non-violence are busy preaching their cause. It is almost definite that if Gandhiji is forced to launch any movement, he will rely only on these followers, who are standing by complete non-violence. Gandhiji's followers are, it seems, aware of the responsibility and as such they are very cautious to take only convinced people in their group.

CONGRESS MEMBERSHIP

Time For Renewal Extended For Two Months

WARDHAGANJ, Aug. 21. The General Secretary of the Congress has circulated all Provincial Congress Committees as follows:—

"Article Four (A) of the Congress Constitution lays down that a member of the Congress enrolled as per Article Three shall continue to be member of the Congress until he resigns or is expelled therefrom, provided he renews his application and pays on or before 31st August of every subsequent year the annual membership fee of four annas and obtains a certificate of membership."

However, representations from Provinces were received in the A. I. C. C. Office to extend the time for the renewal of membership and the Working Committee has been pleased to extend time for the renewal of membership upto 31st October. The constitution does not provide any date for the completion of enrolment of fresh members. They can be enrolled at any time but their right to vote at elections will be regulated by Article Seven (A) which lays down that no member shall be entitled to exercise his vote at any election unless he has been continuously on the Congress register for 12 months prior to the date of election and only on production of certificate of membership.—A. P.

BURMA EX-PREMIER ON TRIAL FOR SEDITION

MANDALAY, Aug. 21. "I decline to plead or make any statement," said Dr. Ba Maw, ex-Premier of Burma, in reply to the query of the Court whether he had anything to say to the evidence appearing against him in connection with the case institut-

Sikhs Plump For Patiala's Hegemony Speculation About Personnel Of Viceroy's Expanded Council

(From Our Correspondent.)

SIMLA, Aug. 21. According to talks here the Sikh Dinner to Patiala last night was intended to serve three main objects: Firstly the importance of the Sikh community during war; secondly unity of Sikh parties behind Patiala's leadership and demand for Patiala Maharaja's membership of War Advisory Council and thirdly for a Sikh in the enlarged Executive Council.

In The Run For Viceroy's Executive

Master Tarasingh, Akali leader, Giani Kartarsingh and Sampuran Singh, leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Assembly participated and showed their support to the three demands. The Sikh leaders are prepared for a panel for election of an Executive Council from among them to be forwarded to the Viceroy. This includes Sir Jogendrasingh, Sant Singh, M.L.A. (Central) and Sampuran Singh. Two others, Sardar Bahadur Ujjalsingh (of Round Table Conference) and Sir Datar Singh of Indo-British Trade Negotiations are also trying their luck.

With the return of Viceroy to-day from a month's tour in South India political leaders are busy guessing about new members of the Viceroy's Cabinet. No early decision, however, can be reached, since, except the Hindu Mahasabha and the Liberals, no other

TEAR-SMOKE SQUAD FOR PESHAWAR

PESHAWAR, Aug. 21. A TEAR-SMOKE SQUAD IS EXPECTED TO BE ESTABLISHED IN PESHAWAR SHORTLY.—A. P.

The party has yet submitted any panels of names. The League Executive meets at the end of the month.

Mr. M. S. Aney has asked for clarification of minority assurances and the Congress has rejected the proposals.

Expansion Plan

The latest report in Simla indicates that there may be five to seven members added to the Executive Council to satisfy various claims and this report foreshadows faint possibilities of a few retirements from among the existing Councillors.



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JAWAHARLAL ON ROLE OF A. I. S. A.**Good Work Done By Kashmir Branch**

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has issued a statement on the useful work done by the Kashmir Branch of the All-India Spinners' Association, in the course of which he says:—

In the great work of putting new life into our crafts and cottage industries in Kashmir, as in the rest of India, the All-India Spinners' Association has played a great part. The Kashmir Branch of this Association is known all over India and the demand for its products can hardly be met, although production increases continuously.

I was glad, therefore, to visit the principal production Centre and show-room of the Kashmir Branch at Pampur near Srinagar and to see for myself how this work was carried on. I was impressed by what I saw and by the general efficiency that prevailed there. Shri Surendra Merchant, who is in charge of the Kashmir Branch, was good enough to show me round and to explain to me the various processes. Work was being carried on a fairly extensive scale, and yet I felt that it ought to grow even more rapidly for the good of the numerous craftsmen and skilled workers of Kashmir and in order to supply the enormous potential demand of India.

FUNCTION OF A. I. S. A.

It is the function of the A.I.S.A. to gain the goodwill of its workers and the public generally. The enterprise, though not co-operative in the technical sense, is essentially based on the co-operation of the workers and the public. It may easily be extended later on a co-operative basis; I hope this will take place. Even now possibly some beginnings can be made on a small scale.

Kashmir is a wonderful place to do this work. Skilled human material is abundant and its reputation is world-wide. There is no reason whatsoever why Kashmir should not become a hive of industry and her present poverty stricken aspect changed to one of plenty, and smiling happy faces take the place of the misery that one sees everywhere. That is of course, a large question involving fundamental political and economic issues. But the work that is being done by the A.I.S.A. in Kashmir helps in this change for the better in however small a way and deserves every encouragement from the public and the State Government.

LIMITS OF PERSONAL CRITICISM IN PRESS**Views Of Marathi Journalists**

BOMBAY, Wednesday. Limits of criticism of individuals in newspapers and periodicals was the subject of discussion at a debate held under the auspices of Marathi Sahitya Sangh, with Prof. R. D. Karve in the chair.

Among those who took part in the discussion were Mr. B. V. Varerkar, Mr. Sunder Mankar and Mrs. Malati Tendulkar.

Opinion was unanimous that the liberty of the press to comment on the public expressed opinions and overt acts of individuals must remain unfettered in the best interests of Society. Public men cannot ask exemption from comment on their views and acts, but it should be relevant and should not deal with any purely personal shortcomings of an individual.

JUTE MILLS GO ON SHORT TIME

CALCUTTA, Aug. 21. In view of the lack of shipping facilities and consequent increase in local stocks, the Indian Jute Mills' Association, on the recommendation of their Committee have decided to work their mills for three weeks of 46 hours each, and to keep them closed for one week in a month. This decision will come into force from the second week of September.—A.P.

INDORE, August 20. H. H. the Maharaja Holkar has announced a contribution of Rs. 10,000 to the Silver Trinket Fund on behalf of the women of the State.—A. P.

Demand For Military Studies Department**Dr. B. G. Vad's Resolution Passed By University Senate**

A resolution instituting a Department of Military Studies in the University of Bombay and of the posts of a Director and a Reader in that Department was adopted at a meeting of the University Senate on Wednesday.

It was also resolved to institute a Diploma in Military studies. Both resolutions were sponsored by Dr. B. G. Vad. Mr. R. P. Masani, Vice-Chancellor presided.

LATE SIR TEMULJI NARIMAN

At the outset Mr. R. P. Masani made a feeling reference to the "long and honourable record of service in varied spheres of public usefulness" of the late Sir Temulji Nariman. Sir Temulji was an ordinary fellow of the Bombay University for a period of 55 years from 1883 to 1938 and thereafter an honorary fellow till the day of his death. He was also the founder of the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

The Senate endorsed the tribute, all standing. The first item on the Agenda was the question of the extension of the affiliation of the Hargovinddas Lakhmichand College of Commerce, Ahmedabad, for the B. Com. Examination in "Economics of Transport". The affiliation was granted, in pursuance of the report of the Syndicate.

RAJKOT COLLEGE. But the question of affiliation of the Dharmendrasinhaji College, Rajkot provoked a lively debate and resulted in the subject being referred back to the Syndicate.

Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri moved, as recommended by the Syndicate, that the affiliation granted to the College for the intermediate Examination be continued for two years from June 20, 1940 and that it be also further extended to the B. A. Hons courses in English, Sanskrit, Gujarati, Mathematics, History and Economics, and Philosophy and for the B. A. Pass course in French and Persian, subject to various conditions, including one which required the deposit of Rs. one lakh in a Reserve fund in the Imperial Bank.

Principal V. K. R. V. Rao moved an amendment adding some more condition dealing with the tenure of the staff, Provident fund etc.

Mr. K. T. Shah moved that the whole question should be referred back to the Syndicate. He said that the past of the College was not encouraging and there was no guarantee that the conditions imposed would be adequately fulfilled.

MARRIAGE WITHOUT GROOM. The motion was supported by Prof. D. R. Gadgil, Dr. G. S. Mahajan, and Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar. Dr. Mahajan said that some of the conditions imposed were of a fundamental character. Those conditions must be fulfilled even before affiliation was granted and could not be left over to a later day. It was usual to announce the holding of a meeting subject to the weather conditions but nobody ever sent out an invitation to a wedding subject to the bridegroom being found.

Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar said that the starting of a College was not a commercial adventure and the authorities must be satisfied that adequate arrangements had been made.

The motion for reference back was carried. In answer to a query, the Vice-chancellor said that the Syndicate had requested the College authorities to put up a notice clearly indicating to the students seeking enrolment that they did so subject to the risk of the University not granting affiliation. He did not know if the College authorities had done so; but the Syndicate would have to go into the whole question.

The Senate also sanctioned some supplementary grants, among which was one for a sum of Rs. 1,380 for payment of an allowance of Rs. 2 per month to every employee of the University in receipt of a salary of less than Rs. 50 per month. At the last meeting of the Senate it was suggested by a member that the Syndicate might consider the question of paying a war allowance to the persons on account of the rise in prices of foodstuffs. The Syndicate considered the matter and recommended the grant of Rs. 2 per month as stated above. This allowance is intended to continue only during the war.

MILITARY STUDIES DEPTT. Having moved for and obtained priority for his resolution Dr. B. G. Vad moved that the Senate resolve to institute a Department of

Military studies and also two teaching posts, of one Director and one reader in the department.

At the last meeting of the Senate held in February, the Senate had resolved on a motion by Dr. B. G. Vad, to institute such a Department and had asked the Syndicate and Academic Council to take the necessary steps.

In pursuance of this resolution the Syndicate appointed a Committee to frame a scheme. The committee appointed a sub-committee consisting of Dr. B. G. Vad, Principal R. D. Karmarkar and Major E. C. H. Evered to prepare a detailed scheme. This scheme was considered by the various University bodies, before being brought up before the Senate.

The Scheme which is estimated to cost Rs. 28,500 consists of a two year course during which various military subjects will be taught. Students taking military science must have at least passed their Matriculation and must have been either members of the University Training Corps or must have had equivalent military training. Moving the resolution asking for the adoption of the scheme and the institution of the Department, Dr. Vad said, that it might help to realise the ambition that the Indian Army should be officered by Indians. If they succeeded in getting the co-operation of the army authorities they might be able to run a more ambitious course. But it was better to take this first step in self-help immediately.

Prof. V. G. Rao seconded the resolution.

BACK TO SYNDICATE.

Prof. D. R. Gadgil moved that the resolution be referred back to the Syndicate. He thought that no case had been made out for approaching the Syndicate for approval of a concrete scheme. The Senate had already approved of the principle but it had not adequate information before it to commit itself to a concrete proposal. It was obvious that nothing could be done without the co-operation of the military authorities. They might pass the resolution and feel virtuous, thinking that they had done something in a national emergency. But unless the military authorities were first approached, the step they were asked to take would be utterly futile.

A long debate ensued in which, Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Dr. B. B. Yodh, Principal T. K. Shahani and Prof. L. S. Ajwani supported the motion for reference back. This was opposed by Principal R. D. Karmarkar, Dr. B. G. Vad, Principal N. M. Shah, Father, J. Dhur and Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar.

Prof. Karmarkar said that the military authorities were quite prepared to help and that both the Governor and the Viceroy had encouraged the scheme.

BALANCE IN FAVOUR. Dr. Vad scoffed at the doubting Thomases and said that this was the most opportune moment for taking such a step.

Mr. V. N. Chandavarkar, pointed out that in the past the military authorities had not been sympathetic, but things were rapidly changing. He thought that the balance of advantage was in favour of adopting the resolution and that the Syndicate might offer detailed information when they asked for money grants.

Supporters of the motion for reference back argued that no details regarding the staff, equipment and location of the Department had been furnished; that there was no reasonable assurance of co-operation from the military authorities and that they had no exact idea of the future financial commitments involved.

The motion for reference back was, however, lost, 28 voting for and 58 against. The original resolution was carried. Another and a consequential resolution, instituting a Diploma in Military studies to be granted to such persons as had undergone the course, which was also moved by Dr. Vad was adopted without discussion.

The Senate will resume its sittings to-day (Thursday).

TAMPERING WITH TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE

RANGOON, Aug. 21. The Telegraph and Telephone communications between Rangoon and Mandalay were interrupted for some time on Monday last resulting in serious inconveniences. The lines are said to have been tampered with by miscreants, according to a local newspaper. Railway police patrols have been posted to keep watch and prevent further tampering.—A. P.

TRINITY COLLEGE MUSIC PRIZE WON BY PARSII BOY

CALCUTTA, Aug. 21. This year's "overseas exhibition" of the Trinity College of Music, London, for Indians, has been awarded to a thirteen-year-old Parsi lad, Dorab Kothial of Calcutta, according to information received here.—A. P.

LEAGUERS TURN DOWN "C. R.'s" REQUEST

MADRAS, Aug. 21. Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan, Leader, Muslim League Party in the Madras Legislative Assembly, has issued the following statement:—

"I have received a circular letter dated 18th instant from Mr. C. Rajagopalachari informing me that a meeting of the Congress Party in the Madras Legislature will be held on the 27th of this month and that he would be glad if I could make it convenient to attend that meeting in view of the developments in the political situation. I understand that other members of the Muslim League Party have also been similarly invited. I consulted our leader, Mr. M. A. Jinnah with regard to this matter. His instructions are that we should not attend this meeting. The reasons are obvious. I have accordingly written to members of the Muslim League Party requesting them to abstain from attending this meeting."—A. P.

Hindu Sabha-Congress Contest

(From Our Correspondent). **AHMEDABAD, Aug. 21.** A strong contest will be witnessed by citizens this year in the next Municipal election between Congress and Hindu Sabha as the Hindu Sabha has decided for the first time to nominate members on their ticket. The Local Hindu Sabha has appointed an influential Parliamentary Board.

'Lal Jhanda' Copies Forfeited

BANGALORE, Aug. 20. Under the Defence of India Rules, the British Resident in Mysore has declared forfeited to His Majesty all copies in whatever language and wherever found in civil and military station of the pamphlet in Urdu "Lal Jhanda" (Red Banner) which purports to be the organ of the Punjab Committee of the Indian Communist Party. A branch of the Communist International and of "Hada-yat" (Instructor).—A. P.

Ticketless Travelling Bill

SIMLA, Aug. 21. The possibility of bringing a Bill to deal with ticketless travelling at the Delhi Session of the Central Legislature is believed to be under examination. It is learned that Mr. L. Bannerji, who has been for many years a Railway Magistrate and has intimate knowledge of cases relating to ticketless travelling was recently here to give advice to the Government on the proposed Bill.—A. P.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCES

CALCUTTA, Aug. 20. Several papers of different scientific subjects were read and discussed at the fourteenth annual ordinary general meeting of the National Institute of Sciences of India, held to-day at the Royal Asiatic Society Hall under the presidency of Lt.-Col. R. N. Chopra.—A. P.

Convicted For Profiteering

PESHAWAR, Aug. 21. The Additional District Magistrate, Sawabi, sentenced Bahmad, shop-keeper, to one day's imprisonment and a fine of one rupee on a charge of profiteering, under Sec. 81 (C) of the Defence of India Rules, United Provinces.

**Miss BARBARA CROSBY'S BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE IN AID OF THE RED CROSS BALL AT THE TOWN HALL ON JUNE 6th ALMOST PREVENTED BY 'FLU' 'ASPRO' SOLVED THE PROBLEM**

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Army World Has Ever Known, Says Winterton

TRIBUTE TO CHURCHILL'S LEADERSHIP

LONDON, Aug. 20.
In the House of Commons Mr. Lees-Smith who followed Mr. Churchill said the decisions announced by Mr. Churchill, firstly, that we shall exercise the full strength of the blockade, secondly that we shall afford the United States full facilities for acquiring bases "represent also the decisions of a united nation."

Mr. Hore-Belisha paid a tribute to Mr. Churchill for the great speech and added, "We may well be proud to have a leader of that stamp at this time. We are heartened by the knowledge that in one important respect the fortunes for war have been decisively turned in our favour."

We have learned that our production is such as to entitle us to hope that within a measurable time we shall enjoy the command of the air."

Illimitable Resources

Lord Winterton said "Sooner or later we shall have to develop to the fullest degree the almost illimitable resources of men and material of Africa and India."

"The Secretaries for the Colonies and for India should raise the greatest land armies the world has ever seen."

Mr. Plugg (Conservative) complained of Allied inferiority in the number of broadcasting stations and urged the erection of 500 stations to stage an offensive in the ether of the world.

Dominions And War Cabinet

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Minister for Air, replying to the debate dealing with the question of imperial representation in the War Cabinet said while it was the wish and judgment of Parliament that as far as possible the size of the War Cabinet should be kept small, how far it was possible to keep down the size of the War Cabinet was a question for the Prime Minister. It will be difficult to include in the War Cabinet a representation of all the Dominions.

They had an admirable method of associating the dominions with the decisions and with the framing of the policy on which the War Cabinet proceeded.

It had been suggested that the inclusion of imperial statesman in the War Cabinet would be a symbol of the unity of the Empire. There was great force in that argument. Surely the greatest symbol of the unity of the Empire was the contribution each of the dominions was giving to our war effort.

Air Training Scheme

With regard to the Empire Air Training Scheme Sir Archibald Sinclair said he could not give figures but the fact, which showed that substantial progress is being made was that whereas they were

expecting to reach a certain figure of pilot production from Canada in July or even as early as June next year they were now going to get that figure by April (cheers).

Sir Archibald Sinclair said the Air Ministry were also planning training elsewhere and he had no prejudice against transferring schools overseas but must ask the house not to expect any statement on this matter now or at any future time because if they did decide to move a number of schools overseas, it might easily be a move of great magnitude involving the transference of large amount of material and very substantial numbers of men and that would have to be protected by secrecy.

The Air Ministry were pressing forward energetically with the acceleration of their training system which had proved itself to be the most efficient system existing.

It was not a question of raising the standards of training but rather protecting and maintaining the high standard and accelerating the system to get a larger outflow of pilots.

Heavy Enemy Losses

Sir Archibald Sinclair continued that the much larger German heavy bomber force was unable to inflict damage here comparable to the damage we are inflicting on Germany and Italy was due to our efficient system of defence.

Dealing with air attacks on Britain he stated our defence system has accounted for 701 German aircraft in attacks on this country since August 8, while we lost a total of 192 fighters and bombers during the same period, including bombers we lost in attacks on Germany and Italy (cheers).

Comparable figures for losses of pilots and crews were still more remarkable. Taking fighter pilots' casualties in the air over Britain and sea around our coast since August 8 there had been 90 against more than 1,500 pilots and crews of German fighters and bombers.

Including bomber crews lost over Germany our losses were much less than 300 and the German figures were greatly over 1,500.

These were conservative figures because the figures he had given of our losses were accurate whereas German losses took no account of the very substantial number which pilots are convinced they



A group of women-medicos with their degrees.

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK Br. Press Comments

Eight Lives Feared Lost

LONDON, Aug. 21.
Two officers and a sailor of a Swedish steamer "Hedrun" (2,825 tons) were saved when the ship was torpedoed in the Atlantic.

It is feared eight men lost their lives. The ship was sunk without warning.—Reuter.

Viceroy Back At Simla

SIMLA, Aug. 21.
Their Excellencies the Viceroy and Lady Linlithgow and party returned to Simla to-day after their monsoon tour.—A. P.

shot down but which they have not actually seen break up in the air or crash on land or sea, nor the considerable number of other German aircraft which got away in a condition in which the pilots did not think they will be able to reach their bases.

Till Fetters Are Broken

Sir Archibald Sinclair added our bombers were now operating on a systematic plan for the destruction of military objectives vital to the enemy's war effort.

The Germans apparently believed in mass attacks by day and their night bombing was not very effective.

Our night attack was much heavier than our day attack and as the nights grew longer so would the arm of our heavy bomber squadrons lengthen until we will be striking even deeper into the enemy's vitals.

We were striking with a force of heavy bombers very much smaller than the German force and our success was remarkable proof of our efficiency.

He concluded we had no quarrel with the people of Germany and Italy. We should never use our air power as an instrument of mass terrorism.

Our blows were and would continue to be directed against the enemy aerodromes, aircraft factories and other centres of military, industry and supplies but wherever instruments of cruelty and oppression were forged there the strong arm of the Air Force will reach out and through it we shall break the fetters with which Hitler seeks to bind the peoples of Europe (cheers).—Reuter.

Does Red Air Force Threaten Germany?

Churchill's Mysterious Reference To Subject

LONDON, Aug. 21.
Mr. Churchill's speech meets with enthusiastic reception in the press, being described as candid, well-balanced and confident.

The decision not to allow food supplies to enter a subjugated area until it was cleared of German forces is approved and the proposal to lease British trans-Atlantic bases to the United States is warmly commended while Mr. Churchill's reference to the Russian Air Force is regarded by some papers as shrewd.

"The Daily Mail" says with regard to the recent air battles, Mr. Churchill warns us we must expect Hitler to attack us with still greater forces and continue the offensive as long as he is able and "as long as any preoccupation he may have in respect of the Russian air-force may allow him to do so."

The "Daily Mail" comments that this is a very pregnant sentence which must be read in connection with significant claims suddenly put forward by Russians last week to possess the strongest air force in the world.

The "Daily Herald" says: "If nation needs a fresh encouragement after a brilliant feat of air force in the past ten days, it will find plenty in Mr. Churchill's speech."

His account of "the astounding increase" in our armed strength is a record of miracles wrought by a prosaic agency of hard work.

The "News Chronicle" regards as possibly the most important part of the speech Mr. Churchill's categorical declaration that no food will be allowed through the British blockade to German-occupied Europe or France.

Germany, says the "Chronicle," on her own admission has over seven million tons of grain stored away, a figure which almost covers Europe's normal deficit.

If the Nazis accepted the recognised obligation of a conqueror,

TROTSKY

Victim Of Murderous Assault

Death May Occur Any Moment

FRENCH JEW INVITED TO TEA ALLEGED TO HAVE TURNED ASSAILANT

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21

As the result of an attack on him yesterday afternoon, M. Trotsky is lying in a critical condition with a badly fractured skull at an emergency hospital where the doctors say his death may occur at any moment.

M. Trotsky was attacked with a hammer evidently from behind. The fact that his right shoulder and knee were injured indicates assault continued while he was falling.

The assailant is alleged to have been a French Jew named Franck Johnson whom M. Trotsky had invited to tea. Johnson was beaten unconscious by M. Trotsky's guard after the assault.

He is now held at police headquarters. The police have taken charge of Trotsky's residence, admittance to which at present is forbidden.

M. Trotsky is said to have been very apprehensive of another attack since he escaped uninjured two months ago when hundreds of machinegun bullets were poured into his house.—Reuter.



Leon Trotsky
Soviet Exile

"Nazi World Revolution Meets Its Waterloo"

CHURCHILL'S SPEECH CREATES CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA

NEW YORK, August 21.

Commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech, the "New York Times" says: "Mr. Churchill's confidence is all the more impressive because of the array of solid facts with which he supported his belief that Britain will survive."

"Mr. Churchill is not frightened because he knows and shares the superb fighting spirit which British airmen and civilians alike have shown in the past few weeks of their trial."

The "Herald Tribune" says: Britain not only feels stronger but actually is stronger than ever before. Britain has been largely rearmed and re-nerved by the driving energy and conviction at her head and is capable of fighting it to its fate.

It is a Britain which polities and flatly tells us the food blockade will not be raised, because it is a Britain which knows exactly what she is doing and has the courage of the course to which she has set her hand.

This is a citadel of tremendous

The Half-Column By "Dim"

As if from a Harlem melody, Winston Churchill speaking of the binding together of English-speaking democracies says: "None can stop it. Like the Mississippi, it just goes rolling along." What a day has come that the Prime Minister of England speaking in the House of Commons should give vent to his optimism by singing Old Man River! Let us hope it is an omen of great things to come.

The door is again kept open in the Congress-Viceroy negotiations. One of these monsoon days the draught will give someone a death of a cold.

The Japanese, encouraged by the brutal savagery of Hitler, have worked havoc in Chungking. A "Reuter" message says that a whole district was wiped out.

Several relatives of interesting people are in Bombay and Poona. They included Lord Dunsany's son, R. A. Butler's sister, and a sister of Celia Johnson. All of them are by themselves equally interesting.

A number of people are going to feel very self-conscious when "Night in Bombay", Lewis Bromfield's new novel and picture comes to town. You may if you are clever be able to say: "That's..... of course." But pity the poor bloke who is a bit of a lad having the finger pointed at him.

The news of the murderous assault on Leon Trotsky may remove from the world a man who might have shaped the destiny of Russia better than comrade Stalin has done. Trotsky certainly came nearer Lenin than Stalin has, but such is the destiny of the man that he should end his days as an exile in Mexico City, while his rival should become one of the leading men of Europe.

What a sensational article appears in the new American magazine "Friday"! It is entitled "The Fifth Column in France." It throws a light on affairs in France which almost staggers the man who believed that the sons of France loved their country enough not to betray it. That it should be the very men in power that have betrayed it is something which seems incredible. The article is to be reproduced in the "Sunday Chronicle" shortly.

There is a real and new hope that in Mr. Churchill's Britain, the Nazi world revolution has at last met its match and that if that citadel is supported, world history may yet be shaped to tolerable and even to great creative ends.

Mr. Raymond Gramscow in a broadcast said Mr. Churchill's speech breathed genuine and convincing confidence.

The "Daily News" says that Mr. Churchill's offer of naval bases will solve most of United States' problems of defence in the Western Hemisphere but adds it does not see how 50 old-age destroyers can possibly turn the tide of the Battle of Britain or how the United States, itself undefended, can possibly spare a single ship.—Reuter.

U. S. Condition For Acceptance Of Foreign Envoy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.

The State Department announced that in future any diplomatic or consular official who is not acceptable to any other American Government would not be acceptable to the United States.—Reuter.

138 British Children Reach U. S.

NEW YORK, August 21.

The Cunard White Star liner "Samaria" arrived with 138 British children, first to come to America under the sponsorship of the United States Committee for the care of European children.—Reuter.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE



GOT TO GET ACROSS THE MARSH SOME WAY. IF THESE PLANKS WORK...



THE MARSH CAN'T HOLD ME, BUT IT WILL PLANKS! AND WITH TWO OF 'EM, I CAN OUTSMART THE POLICE!



IT'S BEEN AN HOUR ALREADY SINCE THE RINGER CRACKED OUT OF THE PRISON, JIM! WHERE IS HE?



DON'T I THINK HE TRIED THE MARSH! THEN HE'S FINISHED! HE'D SINK RIGHT IN TO HIS NECK! NOT IF HE SUPPORTED HIS WEIGHT WITH PLANKS, DON'T LOOK!

THE RINGER